

# Power up your savings

## Energy efficiency tips for renters



### SMART COOKING

- Opt for smaller kitchen appliances such as microwaves, pressure cookers, toaster ovens or air fryers instead of using large ovens, whenever possible.
- After cooking, remember to unplug small appliances, as they can still draw power even when turned off.
- When cooking on the stovetop, use lids to retain heat.



### RESOURCEFUL CLEANING

- A dishwasher uses the same amount of water and electricity whether it's full or empty, so make sure it's full before starting a load.
- At the end of your dishwasher's cycle, open the door to air dry your dishes and save even more energy.



### HIGH-PERFORMANCE LAUNDRY

- Wait until you have a full laundry load before running the washer. Washing just a few items uses almost the same amount of water as a full load.
- Try washing and rinsing clothes in cold water whenever possible, as hot water is only needed for heavily soiled loads.
- Place a dry towel in the dryer with your wet laundry to absorb more moisture and reduce drying time.
- Use dryer or tennis balls in the dryer – they help move clothes around, increasing airflow and often reducing drying time.
- Remember to clean the lint filter after every load to prevent clogs, which can increase drying time and costs.



### BRIGHT LIGHTING

- Use energy-efficient bulbs: Replace old, inefficient light bulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs. These bulbs last longer and use less energy, resulting in savings on your electric bill over time.
- Remember to turn off lights when you leave a room and regularly clean bulbs and fixtures. Dust buildup can significantly reduce light output.

- Make the most of natural light during the day by keeping curtains or blinds open. This can help reduce the need for artificial lighting while lowering electricity usage.
- Use smart plugs to easily turn off multiple electronic devices and appliances.



### HEATING AND COOLING

- Curtains or blinds can either bring in heat or insulate your home, depending on the season. In winter, open curtains or blinds on sunny days to let in warmth. During summer, keep window coverings closed to keep your home cooler.
- For every degree higher you set your thermostat, you'll save 3 percent on cooling costs. Try starting at 78°F.
- During warmer months, use fans to circulate air and create a cooling effect. In colder months, run ceiling fans counterclockwise to push warm air down from the ceiling, helping to evenly distribute heat and reduce reliance on heating systems.



### DEVICES UNPLUGGED

- Unplug chargers and appliances when you're done using them. Plugged-in items can still draw power even when they're turned off. Use smart plugs to easily turn off multiple electronic devices and appliances.

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