

HOMEOWNERS'S ENERGY GUIDE

7 TIPS

to help you save on your energy bill

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SIGN UP FOR A HOME ENERGY SQUAD® VISIT

Take the first step in reducing energy use in your home by signing up for a Home Energy Squad® visit. One convenient visit costs \$100 and may include:

- Free installation of materials such as LED bulbs, programmable thermostat, door and attic hatch weather stripping, high-efficiency showerhead and faucet aerators, and water heater insulation, temperature assessment and adjustment
- Smart thermostats available at a discounted price
- Attic and wall insulation inspection
- Blower door and thermal image testing
- Combustion safety test and carbon monoxide check
- Customized report with additional recommendations and help with next steps



Income-qualified residents can receive a Home Energy Squad visit at no cost. Ask for details when you schedule your visit.

Are you eligible for a Home Energy Squad visit? Yes if:

- ✓ Xcel Energy is your natural gas provider.
- ✓ You live in a 1-4-unit building, either as an owner or renter.
- ✓ You pay the utility bills for your home.

Schedule your visit today by visiting HomeEnergySquad.net or call 866-222-4595.

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MANAGE YOUR TEMPERATURE

Set back your thermostat by up to 8°F when you're away or asleep so your home doesn't have to heat or cool unnecessarily.

Get smart with Xcel Energy rebates on smart thermostats. A smart thermostat allows you to control the temperature of your home from your smart phone or other connected device.

Home Energy Squad will install and program thermostats for interested customers.

BONUS: Save extra by enrolling in AC rewards with your qualifying smart thermostat. You will receive a credit on your electricity bill for this voluntary program to manage short-term spikes in demand for electricity on hot summer days. Visit XcelEnergy.com/ACRewards for more information or to enroll.



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LIVEN UP YOUR LIGHTING

Visit xcelenergy.com/BulbFinder to find local bulb deals. LED lights typically:

- Use 70 to 90% less energy and last at least 15 times longer than the traditional incandescent bulbs they replace.¹

If Xcel Energy is your electric provider, **Home Energy Squad** will replace your incandescent lights for free!

¹ Source: https://www.energystar.gov/products/lighting_fans/light_bulbs



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REDUCE HOT WATER WASTE

Hot water use can be year-long energy user affecting your energy bill. Try three tips to reduce water heating:

- Wash your clothes in cold water whenever possible.
- If accessible, adjust the temperature on your hot water heater to a lower setting.

Home Energy Squad can install water saving devices for interested customers.



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INSULATE YOUR ATTIC

One of the biggest culprits of drafty windows is insufficient attic insulation. As warm air leaves a leaky attic, cold air is drawn in through windows.

If your home needs insulation, **Home Energy Squad** will provide a quote for insulation and recommend a qualified contractor.

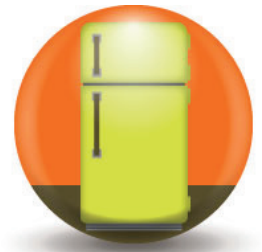


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SAVE WITH ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES

When upgrading appliances, ensure you are purchasing ENERGY STAR[®] certified appliances to save energy.

BONUS: Receive a \$35 rebate through Xcel Energy's Refrigerator Recycling program . Visit xcelenergy.com/Fridge for details.



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UNPLUG YOUR LOAD

TVs, cable boxes, and computer chargers use electricity, even when turned off!

- Attach electronics to a power strip.
- Unplug cell phone and computer chargers when not in use.

