

# RENTER'S ENERGY GUIDE

## 6 TIPS

to help you save on your energy bill

### 1

#### 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 \$70-\$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
- 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. Renters only need verbal approval from a landlord to sign up for a 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](http://HomeEnergySquad.net) or call 866-222-4595. Appointments available starting in Spring 2018.**



### 2

#### 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.

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



# 3

## LIVEN UP YOUR LIGHTING

Visit [xcelenergy.com/BulbFinder](http://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.<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> Source: [https://www.energystar.gov/products/lighting\\_fans/light\\_bulbs](https://www.energystar.gov/products/lighting_fans/light_bulbs)



# 4

## REDUCE HOT WATER WASTE

Hot water use can be a big culprit of year-round high energy bills. Try three tips to lower your water heating bill:

- Switch to high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators to cut down on hot water waste.
- 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.



# 5

## UNPLUG YOUR LOAD

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

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



# 6

## POWER WITH WIND

Windsor<sup>®</sup> is an Xcel Energy program that allows customers to pay a little extra every month to get some or all of their electricity from 100% Minnesota wind farms. Windsor is:

- A voluntary program, with no contract.
- An easy, inexpensive way to make a difference.
- A way for renters to invest in renewable energy.
- Easy to sign up for – it only takes a few minutes.

Visit [xcelenergy.com/Windsor](http://xcelenergy.com/Windsor) for details.

