

WINTER ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

HEATING & VENTILATION

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. Seniors and individuals with special medical needs should check with their doctors before changing their normal home temperatures or considering turning off heating units.
- Keep storm windows in place to help prevent heat loss.
- Have the furnace checked and tuned-up, if needed. Replace filters regularly.
- Keep drapes and shades open during the day to allow sunlight to enter your home.
- Make sure vents are not blocked by furniture or drapes. Clean warm air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed.
- Close off rooms that are not in use to save on heating bills.

FIND & SEAL AIR LEAKS

- Place weather stripping around doors, use plastic film covering and caulk windows to keep heat from escaping from your home.
- Have the chimney checked for blockage and close fireplace dampers when the fireplace is not being used.
- Check air ducts. Air ducts that are not working properly can create serious, life-threatening carbon monoxide problems in the home.

BILLING PLANS

You may want to contact your local company about a “budget” or “level” billing plan. Many Missouri gas and electric companies have other programs to assist customers in paying their energy bills. In most cases, companies will try to work with you to avoid disconnections.

