



# Power Wise

## Top Tips to Save Energy and Money

*Reduce your usage quickly or for a short period with these tips:*

### **Stay in Hot Water - With Less Energy**

Lower your hot water heater to 50 degrees Celsius. Better yet, replace your electric hot water heater, which heats your water 24 hours a day, with a hot water on demand system.

### **Seal those cracks!**

Experts estimate that all of the tiny gaps and cracks in an older home are roughly equivalent to a one-foot square hole in your outside wall. Seal up those cracks and gaps with caulking and weather stripping, and you will be warmer and save energy.

### **Use a power bar**

Everyone knows you should plug your television and computer into a power bar to protect them from power surges. There's another advantage – you can switch the power bar off when the TV or computer is not in use. Instant-on devices draw power around the clock, and though it may be just a trickle, the amount used can add up.

### **Be an ENERGY STAR**

Replace an older dishwasher, refrigerator, washing machine, or furnace with a new, energy-efficient model. Newer equipment can use up to 60 percent less energy than older models. Look for products that have EnerGuide or ENERGY STAR certification. For example, an Energy Star qualified television uses 40 to 50 percent less energy than a standard unit.

### **Go Cold**

Since 80-90% of the energy used to do laundry goes into heating the water, you could save a lot of power by switching your washing machine dial to cold and leaving it there! Use a detergent specially designed for coldwater washing.

### **Hang your laundry out to dry**

In winter every home can use some extra humidity, and in summer you can hang your laundry outside to dry. You will save on electric bills when you use your dryer less.

For more energy saving tips, visit the [Arctic Energy Alliance](#), or [Natural Resources Canada](#).