



### Cold Weather Tips

- Open drapes, blinds and curtains during the day to allow the sunlight to enter and warm your home.
- Adjust your thermostat down two degrees in the winter.
- Caulk and weather strip doors and windows that may leak air.
- Properly maintain and clean your home's heating units.
- Replace furnace filters every 30 days.
- Add insulation, especially in your attic and the exterior and basement walls or crawl spaces in your home.
- Keep fireplace doors and dampers closed when the fireplace is not in use.

### Warm Weather Tips

- Insulation and sealing air leaks can help improve your home's energy performance because they help you keep the cool air you have paid to cool inside your home.
- Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units but do not block the airflow.
- Place a room air conditioner on the north side of the house. A unit that operates in the shade uses less energy than one operating in the sun.
- Do not place lamps or electronic equipment, such as a TV set near the thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances.
- Use a fan even when your air conditioner is running so you can spread the cooled air more effectively throughout your home.
- Adjust your home's thermostat up two degrees during the summer.
- Keep curtains, drapes and blinds closed during the hottest part of the day to prevent the sun from heating your home.