

# Energy Efficiency: 10 Way To Increase It & Save Money At Home

Every single saved cent matters these days which is why you should increase your home's energy efficiency as much as possible. You can increase your home's energy efficiency in many other ways – from improving your bathroom eco-friendliness to redoing home insulation – even though we are in the age of the renewable energy and economical appliances. While improving the energy efficiency of your home will not aid you in a zombie attack, it will surely make it easier on your wallet. That means you can save up for rainy days. And by “rainy days,” we mean the zombie apocalypse!

Here is a ten tier agenda for turning your home into a modern, economical place:

## 1. Water-Reducing Faucets

Gallons of water are sent through old-fashioned faucets on a daily basis. A homeowner aware of this problem we have with drinking water on the global level will install faucet aerators. These devices reduce the amount of water coming from the faucet. Reducing the water running through the faucet prevents water from being wasted and increases the pressure of its flow.

## 2. Modern Shower Heads

A quick shower saves more water than taking a bath. Keeping yourself clean can be even more efficient if you replace the old shower head with a new one. The new ones have a

similar impact on water consumption that faucet aerators do. They reduce the number of gallons per minute consumed and increase the pressure; both of which improve the shower experience.

### **3. Bathroom Bulbs**

The bathroom is one of the most well-lit places in every home.

This fact is especially true during the winter season. Replace your old incandescent light bulbs and install new bulbs in your bathroom to increase your home's energy efficiency. Both CFLs and LEDs are more efficient than the old incandescents.

### **4. Bathroom Window(s)**

Bathrooms need to have a special air-refreshing system due to their typical use. It goes without saying that every bathroom should have a vent fan for taking away unpleasant odors. It is also very important to replace your old bathroom windows with newer, more efficient ones. They will reduce the amount of energy wasted through the panes.

### **5. Mind The Fridge**

The kitchen, much like the bathroom, is a huge energy consumer. It is vital to install new, Energy Star appliances.

These appliances greatly reduce the energy wasted compared to the appliances made twenty years ago. The only in-kitchen appliance that runs all the time is the fridge. Following the guidelines to get an Energy Star-friendly fridge will decrease your overall energy costs in the kitchen.

## **6. Oven Education**

Most families still use the oven on a daily basis. Modern ovens have dozens of programs and options. Educating you and your family on the oven's operation will increase your home's energy efficiency and waste as little energy as possible. Getting to know your oven will contribute to the enterprise of cutting your home energy bills.

## **7. Install Ceiling Fans**

Owners of smaller homes should install ceiling fans even though air conditioners are becoming more energy efficient. These type of fans consume far less energy than any kind of air conditioning unit and have the added luxury of pushing hot air down in the winter as well as cooling down rooms in the summer.

## **8. Improved Insulation Increases Energy Efficiency**

You can invest thousands of dollars in individual energy improvements. One of the best investments, however that you can make in your home is to properly insulate the roof and basement. Likewise, make sure that heating and plumbing pipes are properly insulated as well.

## **9. Layering Walls**

In order to reduce the level of dampness and humidity in a home, as well as to minimize through-wall heat leaks, every

homeowner should take care of exterior wall cladding. Your home will be a sealed, warm place after this step.

## **10. Smart Thermostat**

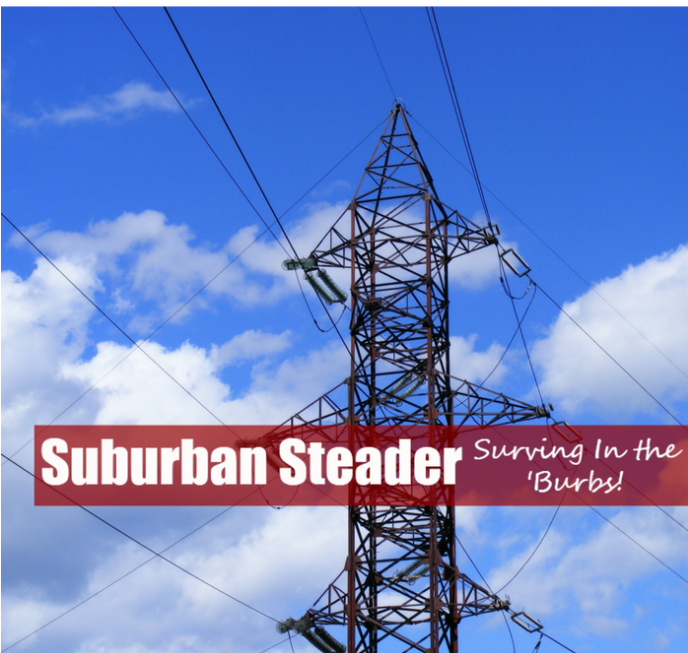
Everything related to homes should be tech-smart and efficient these days. Why wouldn't your thermostats follow the same pattern? If you want to make your heating and cooling systems even more efficient, invest in a programmable thermostat. In order to take all the advantages of this device, learn how to adjust it and use it.

## **Energy Efficiency Conclusions**

These are only some tips and strategies for cutting your energy losses. Every home is different which is why you might want to consider hiring a professional energy auditor. They will inspect your home and provide you with all the data necessary to maximize your home's energy efficiency.



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