TIPS TO LOWER Alberta **UTILITY USAGE**

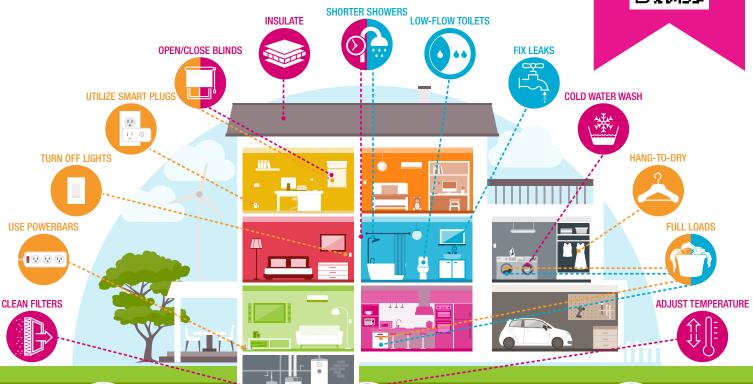


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Smart strategies to cut down your usage.





- Unplug electronics when not in use.
- Use power bars to reduce standby
- Turn off the dishwasher's heat-dry
- · Conduct a home energy audit.
- Place portable air conditioners in frequently used rooms and turn them off when not needed.
- Use timers for plugging in cars for 3 hours.
- Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise

- Open blinds and curtains during the day to let in natural heat from the
- · Use cold water for laundry.
- Seal windows, doors, and other openings.
- · Improve insulation in walls and attics.
- Check for signs of heat loss, like icicles on the roofline.
- Use a programmable thermostat.
- Space heaters may increase electricity bills.
- Close doors to unused rooms.
- · Avoid blocking heating vents or radiators to ensure proper airflow.
- · Replace furnace filters regularly and schedule routine furnace maintenance



- Fix leaks as soon as possible.
- Turn off the water while brushing
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Collect rainwater for watering plants.
- Watch for leaky or left-on sprinklers and use timers.
- Wait until you have full loads of laundry or dishes before running the
- · Invest in low-flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets.
- Fill the sink to wash dishes instead of letting the water run.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways.
- Use a watering can instead of a hose for small garden areas.

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