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Energy that lasts.**

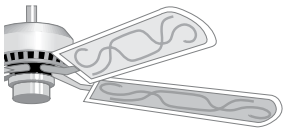
Let the sun shine in!

On sunny winter days, open the curtains or blinds and take advantage of the warmth. Letting in the sun's rays can help lower energy costs by 15 to 30 percent. Don't forget to pull the shades closed when the sun goes down. ■



Revolutionary resolutions

5 minute task



Your ceiling fan shouldn't stay idle all winter. Check your fan for a small switch that allows you to reverse the fan's spin. Running the fan clockwise on the slowest speed produces a small updraft that forces warm air down from the ceiling. You'll be able to set your thermostat lower and stay comfortable for less. ■

Is that shiny new gym membership card still in your wallet unused? While you contemplate hitting the treadmill, consider making a resolution that will literally change the world. Conserving energy can help cut harmful emissions, reduce the need for building future power plants, protect natural resources and save you money.

Here are a few small resolutions you can make with your family:

- Start with the simple things: draft stoppers for your doors, extra blankets for your bed and socks and slippers for your whole family can help everyone feel more comfortable without turning up the thermostat. Every degree you turn up the heat adds to your heating bill.
- If you're going on vacation, turn the water heater down. Otherwise, you'll be paying to reheat the same water over and over when you're not using it.
- Run the dishwasher only when it's fully loaded to avoid wasting hot water. Also, check your dishwasher's owner's manual for any special energy-saving features.



- Clean your refrigerator's coils this month – slide it away from the wall and use a vacuum cleaner or soft brush.
- Turn off your computer when you aren't using it. Left running day after day, the typical PC could cost \$75 per year in energy.
- Your laundry system can help you save energy if you avoid overloading. Too many clothes in the washer means they don't get fully clean, while too many clothes in the dryer require an extended drying time. Also, cleaning the lint from the dryer filter after every load helps protect the machine's efficiency.

You'll find many more tips for saving energy and helping protect the environment on our website at eon-us.com. ■

Smart use of gift cards



If you're planning to take advantage of post-holiday sales, purchasing ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances can help dramatically reduce your utility bills. Look for the blue, rectangular ENERGY STAR sticker to help you choose products that exceed U.S. Department of Energy guidelines. Get help choosing energy-efficient appliances at energystar.gov or by calling the ENERGY STAR Hotline at 888.STAR.YES.

Wondering why you can't find an ENERGY STAR qualified dryer? Because most clothes dryers use similar amounts of energy, ENERGY STAR does not label dryers. Yet you can reduce the amount of energy you use drying clothes. Air-dry clothes whenever possible, select a high-spin option on your washer to extract more water before clothes go in the dryer, and if your dryer has a moisture sensor, use it to automatically shut off the machine when clothes are dry. ■

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For hearing/
speech-impaired
Dial 711

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Getting your ducts in a row

Keeping your home's ductwork operating at peak performance will help keep you comfortable and your heating costs under control. As the ducts deliver air to your furnace to be filtered and warmed, and then disperse the heated air through your home, little leaks and dirty air filters can cause your central heating system to work harder than it should. **Here's how to avoid wasting energy and money:**

- Replace your furnace's air filter, preferably once a month. Dirty filters reduce air flow, so the system has to work harder to deliver air to the registers.

- Check the duct surfaces where the metal sections meet: if you can see the duct seams, seal the joints with UL-181 foil tape or duct mastic.
- Removing the register covers in your rooms may reveal a gap between the duct and the drywall where heated air is escaping into the walls. Use foil tape or duct mastic to cover this gap, as well.

Finally, if your furnace is at least 15 years old, you may want to consider investing in a new ENERGY STAR® qualified system. Its superior energy efficiency can help you reduce heating expenses year after year. ■

KU Cares

Many low-income elderly and disabled people in our community will stay warmer this winter, thanks to the volunteers who took part in our annual Weatherization Blitz. Volunteers from KU, the Community Action Council and several businesses, schools, churches and community organizations joined forces to weatherize homes, applying plastic to windows and using other simple techniques to help customers save up to 20% on their heating bills. Contact your local Community Action /Agency to find out how you can take advantage of some of these techniques to save energy – and money – in your home. ■

Don't pay more this month than next

Month	Amount
January	\$100 ⁰⁰
February	\$100 ⁰⁰
March	\$100 ⁰⁰
April	\$100 ⁰⁰
May	\$100 ⁰⁰
June	\$100 ⁰⁰
July	\$100 ⁰⁰

Rising energy costs and frigid temperatures can result in unexpectedly high heating bills.

If you'd like to know in advance the amount of your KU bill each month, sign up for our Budget Payment Plan. This popular program spreads your winter heating costs over a 12-month period, so your monthly bills won't reflect dramatic seasonal ups and downs.

Sign up online for the program at www.eon-us.com, or call our customer service center to sign up or find out how much your Budget Payment amount would be. ■



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