

# Energy Saving Tips for Houses

## BATHROOM

- **SHOWER, NOT BATH**  
Everyone in your household replaced 1 to 2 baths with a shower.  
**Annual savings \$24**
- **INSTALL A LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEAD**  
Install a low-flow shower head.  
**Annual savings \$88**
- **FIX LEAKY FAUCETS** Fix leak in hot water faucet (a tap dripping once every 10 seconds wastes 2000 litres per year enough to fill 80 baths.)  
**Annual savings \$12**
- **INSTALL A LOW-FLOW AERATOR SINK TAP**  
Install a low-flow bathroom sink aerator.  
**Annual savings \$54**
- **TURN OFF WATER**  
Turn off water when shaving, washing hands, brushing teeth.  
**Annual savings \$20**

## HOME ELECTRONICS

- **UNPLUG UNUSED DEVICES**  
Standby power can account for 10% of an average home's electricity use  
**Annual savings \$53**

## HEATING

- **MANAGE YOUR THERMOSTAT**  
Lower your thermostat by 4° - 5° C while you're sleeping at night (8 hours per day)  
**Annual savings \$16**  
Lower your thermostat by 4° - 5° C when no one is at home (8 hours per day)  
**Annual savings \$16**
- **MANAGE THE TEMPERATURE OF YOUR HOT WATER TANK**  
If you can, turn the thermostat of your hot water tank down 10° F (about 5.6° C)  
**Annual savings \$13**

- **TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS**  
Shorten your shower time by a minute.  
**Annual savings \$8**  
If household shortened their showers by a minute.  
**Annual savings \$24**

## LIGHTING

- **USE NATURAL LIGHT, WHERE POSSIBLE**  
A single south facing window can illuminate up to 100 times its area. Turn off two 60 W bulbs for 4 hours per day.  
**Annual savings \$22**
- **TURN OFF UNNECESSARY LIGHTS**  
Switch off one 100 W incandescent bulb for an extra 2 hours per day.  
**Annual savings \$9**  
Switch off two 100 W incandescent bulbs for an extra 2 hours per day.  
**Annual savings \$18**
- **USE TASK LIGHTING**  
Use table lights and track lighting instead of ceiling lighting in kitchen, hobby and work areas where possible.  
**Annual savings \$7**
- **REPLACE OLD BULBS WITH LEDs**  
If possible, replace old incandescent bulbs with LEDs, replace one 60 W incandescent bulb with 9 W LED.  
**Annual savings \$7**  
If possible, replace four 60 W incandescent bulbs with 9 W LED.  
**Annual savings \$28**

## KITCHEN

- **BE EFFICIENT WITH REFRIGERATION**  
Keep your fridge/freezer at their ideal temperatures; this is 2° - 3° C for a fridge and - 18° C for a freezer  
**Annual savings \$31**
- **COOK FOOD USING OTHER MEANS THAN OVEN**  
A microwave takes 15 minutes to do the same job as it takes an oven one hour. If you have a microwave use it three times per week.  
**Annual savings \$12**
- **SKIP THE DISHWASHER'S DRYING CYCLE**  
If you have a dishwasher, turn off the heat drying cycle on your dishwasher  
**Annual savings \$14**
- **INSTALL A LOW-FLOW AERATOR ON KITCHEN TAP**  
Install a low-flow aerator on the kitchen tap  
**Annual savings \$85**

## LAUNDRY

- **RUN FULL LOADS IN WASHING MACHINE**  
Save one load of washing per week  
**Annual savings \$20**
- **WASH IN COLD WATER**  
Use cold water for half your laundry loads  
**Annual savings \$22**
- **TOSS A TOWEL IN THE DRYER**  
Adding a towel to a drying load can significantly reduce drying times; add a towel to 3 loads per week  
**Annual savings \$14**
- **HANG DRY LAUNDRY**  
Hang dry one in 4 laundry loads  
**Annual savings \$44**  
Hang dry half your laundry loads  
**Annual savings \$89**

