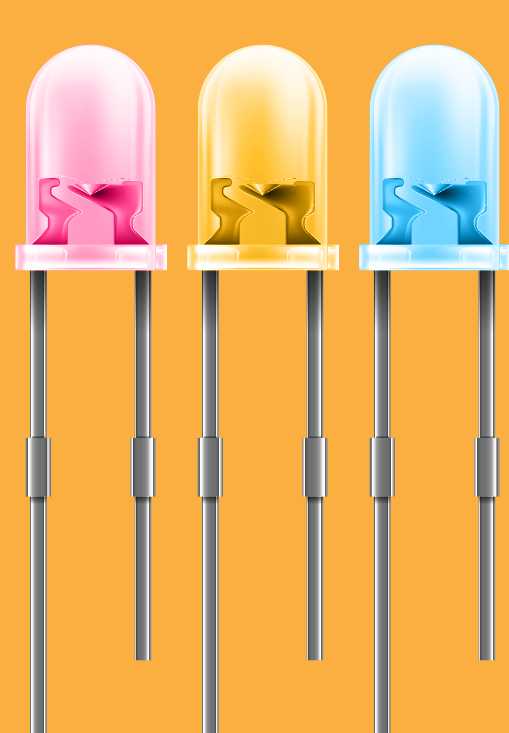


8 STEPS TO AN ENERGY-SMART HOME

CUT YOUR ENERGY COSTS THIS SUMMER BY MAKING YOUR HOME SMARTER!



01 Go LED

If you haven't already done so, switch to LED light bulbs only. Switching just five bulbs can save you \$65 a year in energy costs.



02 Plant Some Trees

If your house has lots of west-facing windows, you're getting loads of sunlight each afternoon. And that's forcing your AC to work harder. Plant trees and shrubs in front of these windows to lower your energy consumption.



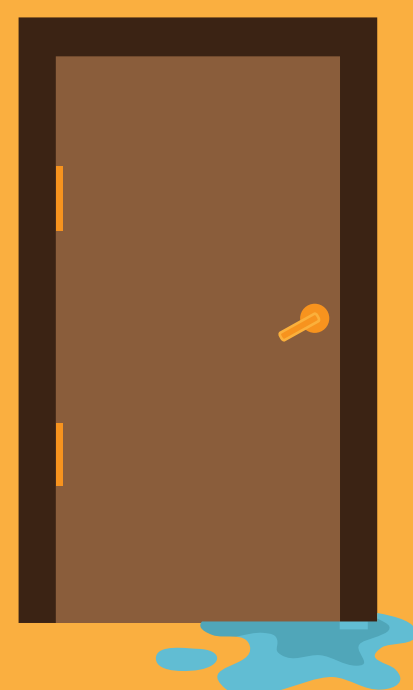
03 Rethink Your Roof

Dark-colored roofs absorb heat and work your AC unit harder. Consider adding an approved coating to your roof that will deflect heat. It'll reduce your roof's temperature by up to 60 degrees and trim your AC use by 20%.



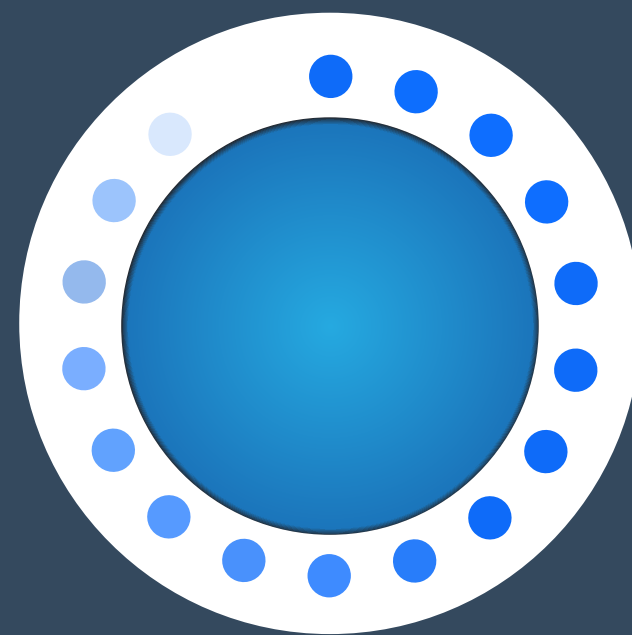
04 Keep Your Cool

Run large appliances, like your washing machine and dishwasher, at night. This way, they won't warm your home in the daytime heat.



05 Fix Leaky Windows and Doors

Sealing leaks can cut your energy costs by as much as 30%. Check external doors and windows for leaks. Reseal all leaking windows by weather stripping the problem areas and consider replacing your door sweep.



06 Get Smart!

Install a smart thermostat. Your home will be programmed to cool off at exactly the times you need.



07 Pull Out The Plug

Cut vampire energy costs by pulling the plug on unused appliances and electronics.



08 Go Cold

90% of the energy used when doing laundry comes from heating the water. When possible, choose the cold setting on your washing machine to reduce your energy consumption.

