Energy Saving Tips

- Set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature in the summer and lowest comfortable temperature in the winter.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs. While they may cost more initially, you can save $30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb’s lifetime. They also produce 75% less heat, which can cut home cooling costs.
- Take short showers instead of baths
- Install low-flow shower heads
- Change furnace filters on a regular basis
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120 degrees.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes
- Plug home electronics into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use. TVs and DVD Players use several watts of power even in standby mode.
- Be sure to turn your lights off when you leave a room.

**Tips from the US Department of Energy**
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Caulking and sealing cracks and holes in the home
Weather-stripping doors and windows
Installing vapor barrier
Insulating attics, walls and under floors
Incidental repairs necessary to protect weatherization materials
Furnace cleaning and tuning

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Who is eligible?

In order to be considered income eligible, a household must meet certain income criteria (see income guidelines below) and be able to prove ownership of home. Those applicants that are renters are also eligible for weatherization, but must be income eligible and your landlord must prove ownership and agree to participate. Landlords are no longer required to contribute to the cost of weatherization, except in cases of major capital improvements such as furnace replacements.

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2013 Income Eligibility Limits

Not a Garrett County Resident?

If you’re not a Garrett County Resident, but interested in the Weatherization Program visit the US Department of Energy’s website to find your local weatherization office.

www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/project_map/

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