

Energy waste reduction at home to lower your bills

Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) has become a top priority in Michigan. For every \$1 spent on these energy efficiency programs, customers can save \$4 in avoided energy costs. It's true: *the cheapest energy is the energy you don't use.*



Ways to save:

- A programmable thermostat can save an estimated 10 percent a year on heating and cooling.
- Sealing air leaks will help decrease heating and cooling costs and make your home more comfortable.
- If you replace five of your home's most frequently used lights with LED light bulbs you can save approximately \$75 a year. Check your local stores for discounts.
- Cooling your home during the summer months with a ceiling fan can lower your temperature by four degrees.
- Advanced power strips (APS) allow you to manage the energy consumed by your home electronics, saving you money and energy without any extra effort. Advanced power strips can save up to \$200 a year on appliances that are still using power that is turned off.
- Replacing a furnace with an energy efficient one.

Resources:

Visit the [Energy Waste Reduction](#) link at the Michigan Public Service Commission website: Michigan.gov/MPSC

Contact your local utility for available Energy Waste Reduction programs or rebates.

Visit Energy.gov/energysaver and Energystar.gov

Call 211 for local energy waste reduction agencies in your area.

The Michigan Saves Home Energy Loan Program makes energy waste reduction improvements easy, affordable and smart.

Visit Michigansaves.org