

Welcome to Winter in Florida

Even though Florida winters are milder than in many other parts of the country, temperatures can still drop.

During colder weather, home energy use often rises, especially from heating.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Lighting

LEDs, or light-emitting diodes, are a smart choice for lights used often, especially more than three hours a day.

No matter what type of lighting you use, remember to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms.



Windows

Keep windows closed while heating your home, and close curtains during colder hours to help hold warmth inside.

Adjust blinds to reflect sunlight inward, seal windows tightly to reduce air leaks, and open windows only during mild weather.



Keep Energy Usage in Check

HVAC Maintenance

Keep your heating system running efficiently by scheduling annual service and cleaning or replacing the filters regularly.



Airflow at Home

Make sure air registers stay open, return pathways stay clear, and doors remain open in rooms without a return vent.



Fans and Outdoor Care

Reverse ceiling fans to push warm air down, use exhaust fans only as needed, and keep outdoor units clear of plants and debris.



Thermostat Control

Lowering the thermostat can help reduce energy use, especially at night or when you are away from home.



More Ways to Save



Computer Use

Turn off computers when they are not in use. If the computer must stay on, turning off the monitor can reduce electricity use.



Kitchen Efficiency

Do not use the oven or stove to heat your home. Use the microwave when possible, run full dishwasher loads, and clean refrigerator and freezer coils every six months to improve efficiency.



Humidity and Heat Loss

Keep aquariums covered to reduce indoor moisture. Make sure the fireplace damper is closed when not in use, and keep wood-stove doors shut to prevent heat from escaping.



Hot Water Savings

Consider turning off the water heater if you will be away for two or more days. Set the water heater thermostat to 120°F to save energy.

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Energy Efficiency: Your Guide To Winter Savings

Cooler weather can increase energy use and raise your monthly electric bill. These tips can help you save energy and stay comfortable this winter.