

Looking for more?

Here are some more easy-to-make changes for your home:

- **Install energy-efficient** compact fluorescent bulbs. They give off less heat and use as much as 75 percent less energy than regular bulbs. Replace all light bulbs with the lowest acceptable wattages.
- **Heat or cool** only the rooms you use. Close off vents in unused rooms.
- **Wash full loads** in your dishwasher and let the dishes air-dry. Air-drying your dishes could reduce your dishwasher's energy usage by up to 40 percent.
- **Reduce hot water** use by installing low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. A new showerhead will reduce your water consumption by one-third to one-half.
- **Use silicone caulking** to fix air leaks around baseboards, floors and windows.

For more energy saving tips, call The Residential Energy Efficiency Project at **519-741-9799** or visit www.reepwaterlooregion.ca.

For inquiries contact us at **519-741-2626** or www.kitchenerutilities.ca



Save Your Energy



**Think reducing your energy
consumption is too hard?
Think again!**

Just take a look inside to learn about the simple changes you can make in your home to save energy, protect the environment and save you money!

Tips to Help You Save Energy

1. Give your thermostat a break

A programmable thermostat can be set to control the temperature while you're away, meaning you'll never waste energy on an empty home again.

For a limited time, when you get a new programmable thermostat installed



by Kitchener Utilities, you'll qualify for a \$50 mail-in rebate from the Ontario Power Authority. Now's the perfect time to get one!

2. Reach for the (ENERGY) Star

Choose a high efficiency ENERGY STAR furnace and you can save both money and energy.



3. Keep it clean

Dirty filters mean wasted energy. Checking your furnace filters regularly will save you money by helping your furnace run efficiently.

4. Take the REEP test

The Residential Energy Efficiency Project (REEP) evaluation can show you how to reduce your energy costs and make your home more energy efficient. REEP's recommendations could save you up to \$500 a year! Call REEP at **519-744-9799**.

5. A little goes a long way

More insulation, in areas like your attic, will keep the heat in during the winter months and the cold in during the summertime. Weather stripping and caulking can also help by sealing out drafts around windows and doors.

6. Check it out

An annual furnace check will ensure your furnace is working properly, and at top efficiency.



Call Kitchener Utilities Service Department at **519-741-2529**, select option #2 to book your annual furnace inspection or programmable thermostat installation.