



RENTERS' ENERGY-SAVING CHECKLIST

For most renters, big upgrades to save on energy aren't an option – but that doesn't mean you can't save money on your energy bill and lower your carbon footprint!

Check out these tips to save energy, help the environment, and keep more money in your bank account.

- ❑ **Laundry Done Right:** Do full loads of laundry with cold water and invest in a collapsible drying rack so you can hang dry your laundry.
- ❑ **Brighter lightbulbs:** When you're replacing light bulbs, opt for LED. They last up to 25 times longer than traditional light bulbs.
- ❑ **Unplug your devices when you're not using them.**
You may not think that blue light on your game system is costing you anything but keeping them all plugged in can add up quickly. Here's a solution to help you avoid reaching behind the TV stand every time you shut off Netflix: invest in a smart strip power bar or a smart plug that cuts the power to devices when they're on standby.
- ❑ **Seal up any gaps or cracks:** If your rental is chilly in the winter, there is a good chance that heat is escaping. But from where? Let's leave no stone unturned. Seal gaps around windows, vents and exterior doors with caulking (*a tube costs under \$10*). You can even use foam gaskets (*a package costs about \$5*) behind light switches and electrical outlets to keep the heat in.
- ❑ **Entertainment = streaming.** Streaming content is everywhere, but the important thing is you don't want the stream to keep going even when you're not paying attention. Set your laptops, computers, and streaming devices to energy-saving modes so you can stream efficiently and don't miss a moment of your favourite shows.



- ❑ **Manage that thermostat:** So much energy goes to waste heating an empty apartment or keeping it too warm overnight. Follow these golden rules for key thermostat temperatures:
 - ❑ **Nighttime or when you're away from home:** set to 17°C
 - ❑ **When you're home:** Set to 20 or 21°C

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