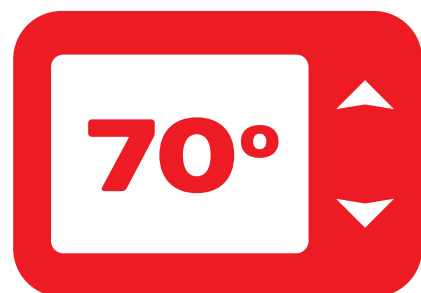


# WINTER WONDERS: STAYING WARM AND SAVING MONEY

## ENERGY SMART HEATING

You can save energy in the winter by setting the thermostat to around 68°F to 70°F while you're awake and setting it lower while you're asleep or away from home. This practice can save you as much as 10% a year on your heating bills. Programmable thermostats make this even easier as they return temperatures to your desired comfort level without you having to leave the bed.



## PROTECT AGAINST DRAFTS

Keep the cold air out by installing window treatments that improve energy efficiency like tight-fitting and insulating drapes or shades. You can also tape clear plastic film to the inside of window frames to have the same effect. Helpful tip, keep the shades open during the day to let sunlight in to warm the house and shut them at night to block out the draft.



## USE LED HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Not only do LED holiday lights consume less electricity, they also are much cooler to the touch than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion or burnt fingers. LED holiday lights are also sturdier than incandescent lights because they are made with epoxy lenses rather than glass, causing them to be much more resistant to breakage and longer lasting.



## REDIRECT AIR FLOW

Close off all vents in rooms like spare bedrooms that do not get much use and shut all doors. This will prevent you from paying to heat uninhabited space. You can also turn on ceiling fans in reverse to help circulate warm air downward.



Learn more about winter energy saving tips here:  
[www.energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips).

