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## CLOTHES RACK

Hang it up! A dryer is second only to the refrigerator when it comes to electricity use, costing about \$85 a year. Try hang-drying your clothes when possible: Using the dryer less often reduces carbon dioxide emissions and helps your clothes last longer.

## POWER STRIP

Unplug: Electronics plugged in but not in use can still draw power. Use a power strip to turn off multiple electronics at once, or a smart power strip to do so automatically, and save about \$100 a year.

## WINDOW PLASTIC

See-through aid: Plastic film placed over your windows keeps warm air in and cold air out—and can save up to \$20 per window per winter.

## GASKET

The great cover-up: Air can make its way into your home through electrical outlets and panels around light switches. Gaskets—precut foam that costs about a dime each—installed inside the faceplates block the air and make rooms more comfortable.

## AERATOR

Slow the flow: Low-flow faucet aerators can reduce water use in your home by as much as 50 percent. These simple devices can be easily screwed onto faucets for instant savings.

## TOILET TANK WATER SAVER

H2Oh! A toilet tank water saver—a sturdy bag filled with water that's placed in the toilet tank—is an elegant way to use less water per flush, saving water and energy.

## AIR FILTER

Breathe well: Check your air filters at least every three months. A dirty filter slows air flow and makes the system work harder, wasting energy.

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## WEATHER STRIPPING

Seal the deal: Install weather stripping around your windows and doors. It's easy and quick and prevents air from leaking through gaps.

## CAULK

Mind the gaps: No surprise, holes can create air drafts. Seal openings in attic floors, basements, and crawl spaces with caulking—apply it around gaskets on electrical outlets too.

## LED LIGHT BULB

Long-lived light: ENERGY STAR-qualified LEDs last 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs and provide the same brightness. Bulbs labeled ENERGY STAR are certified to live up to the energy savings and performance promised.

## PIPE INSULATION

That's a wrap! Insulate your hot-water pipes to reduce heat loss and raise the water temperature 2 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit. You can set your water temperature lower and save energy.

## COLD-WATER DETERGENT

Cool down. Save energy used to heat water for your washer by switching to a detergent made for washing in cold water. Your clothes will still come clean!

## TIRE PRESSURE GAUGE

Stay pumped. Use a gauge to check your tire pressure: Well-inflated tires improve gas mileage for an average savings of up to 20 gallons of gasoline—some \$45 per year.

## KILL A WATT

Watt's guzzling? Get a handle on how much your large appliances use by connecting each to a Kill A Watt monitor. Measure energy use, forecast your costs, and aim to reduce your needs!

## LED NIGHT LIGHT

Sleep easy: LED light bulbs generate almost no waste heat and remain cool to the touch. They last for tens of thousands of hours, meaning they can go years before you need to change them!

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