

Saving Energy

This is Dave from Vilas County Zoning & Planning with some tips for saving energy at home.

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Reducing energy use and waste at home helps both the environment and your bottom line. A few easy steps can go a long way.

Adjustments to home lighting can have big benefits. Switching to CFL or LED light bulbs can save up to 75% on lighting costs.

Raising your air conditioner temperature and running a ceiling fan can save 6-18% of cooling costs with no noticeable change in comfort. Adding a programmable thermostat to the mix can save an additional \$150 each year.

Lastly, unplugging electronics such as computers, televisions or cell phone chargers when not in use can save hundreds of dollars each year. Using a power strip can make it easy to turn them all off at once when you leave the house.

For more helpful tips to reduce household energy consumption, contact the Vilas County Zoning Department or go to www.vilascountyzoning.com and click on the “Solid Waste and Recycling” tab.