

Energy Conservation Could Mean Money In Pocket

Many of us think we are doing our part for conservation when we flip the light off when leaving a room, but the energy we're not saving is hitting us right where it hurts most... in the pocketbook.

The cost of electricity, like everything else, has doubled over the last several years. That doesn't account for an electric bill being four times what it was 10 years ago, but lifestyles have changed and the family who used an average of 500 kilowatt hours per month 10 years ago is now using more than 1,000 each month.

Those time-saving appliances that have liberated women are eating up those kilowatt hours each month. But we can "have our cake and eat it too" if we use these time-saving devices wisely with less waste.

The hot water heater accounts for the largest single portion of the electric bill in most homes. Repair leaking faucets — that drip may be costing you as much as \$5 each month. Never let hot water run constantly when washing dishes or hands. Fill the sink with hot water than add detergent.

Use the dishwasher, washing machine, and dryer for full loads only. If dry dishes are not needed immediately, turn the dishwasher off after the wash and rinse cycles and open the door slightly.

Unless the clothing tag states otherwise, light and moderately-soiled clothing can be washed in cold water with special detergent. Cold water washing will mean additional savings. Always use cold water in the disposal.

ICE CREAM TARTS

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup butter
One-third cup sifted confectioners sugar
2 Tbsp. water
1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/2 cup chocolate mini-chips
Cream butter, gradually add confectioners' sugar, creaming well. Add water and almond extract, mix well. Add flour and salt which have been sifted together and chocolate chips. Fold gently just until all flour is dampened. Divide dough into equal portions. Press on back of 3 x 1 1/2 inch muffin pans. Bake in 375 degree oven about 15 minutes. Test for doneness at 10 to 12 minutes; tarts do not have to be brown. Cool. Lift gently with knife or spatula. These tarts freeze well. It is not necessary to thaw before eating.

Serving: Fill with peppermint ice cream; top with chilled chocolate syrup or a chocolate sauce.



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Don't waste hot water when bathing — take quick showers or limit the amount of water in the tub. Close the drain in the sink when shaving or washing hands and face.

Lower the thermostat setting on the water heater. 140 degrees is considered adequate with a dishwasher. You may try a lower setting without one. Hot water heaters should be turned off if you're going to be gone three days or more.

Use small appliances, such as toasters and grills, for

special cooking and save on use of range. Prepare complete oven meals for the greatest economy. Use flat-bottomed pots and pans which fit range units and cook on the lowest possible heat. Close the refrigerator or freezer door quickly as possible after use. Defrost often as frosted-over refrigerator-freezers cost money.

Turn off the television when no one is watching it. Unplug the instant-on television at the end of daily viewing. An instant-on television uses

electricity even when it is turned off.

Cut off all small electrical equipment, such as radio, record player, or game when not in use.

Close the damper when the fireplace is not being used. Special closures may be bought to close off an unused fireplace, but a piece of sheet metal can be used for the same purpose.

Keep the thermostat at the lowest comfortable setting during the winter. Lowering the thermostat from 73 to 68

day and night can save up to 20 per cent on fuel. Additional savings can be realized by a further five degree reduction during sleeping hours.

Be sure to close outside doors quickly. Close all draperies at night. During the daytime, close draperies on the shady side of the house and open those which let in sunlight. Be sure no heavy obstacle, such as furniture, is blocking a heating outlet.

Check weatherstripping and caulking around windows and doors.

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