

WASTED ENERGY

A Home Energy Audit Check List

Staying Warm and Keeping Cool

- What is the temperature setting of your heater/air conditioner thermostat?
- Is your thermostat on a timer that automatically controls it at night or during the day when no one is home?

Lights

- How many light fixtures are in your home?
- How many have compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)?
- How many lights are on even though no one is in the room?
- How many radios or televisions are on with no one listening to or watching them?

Outlets

- How many chargers are plugged in, even when nothing is charging?
- How many appliances are plugged into live outlets when not in use?

On Stand-By

- Do you turn off your computer/monitor/printer/modem when not using them for an extended period of time? (Have you considered a power-strip for their easy management?)

Out the Window

- How many windows are in your home?
- How many windows have storm windows?
- Hold a piece of ribbon, or a piece of plastic wrap taped to a pencil, up to and all around the frames of your windows and check to see if it flutters...How many windows have drafts?
- Check for drafts around door frames by using the same procedure used for your windows... How many doors have drafts?

Down the Drain

- What temperature is your hot water heater set on?
NOTE—*If your hot water heater doesn't have a temperature setting, measure the temperature of the water. Just run the water until it's hot; then use a thermometer to record its temperature. Does it need to be that hot?*
- *Do you turn your heater's (separate) hot water boiler off in the summer?*
- Does your hot water heater have an insulated cover?
- Does your shower have a low-flow shower head?
- Do your sink faucets have low-flow aerators on them?
- Do you regularly check whether any faucets or pipes in your house leak?
- Do you usually wash your clothes in cold or warm, rather than hot, water?
- Do you let your dishes air-dry rather than running the drying cycle on your dishwasher?
- Do you clean the lint trap on your clothes dryer before drying a load of clothes?
- Do you have a place to air-dry some clothes rather than using the dryer?