

SAVE ENERGY

Fan's Best Friend



Drought dries out more than just your lawn. Low water reserves in the State of California also puts a substantial strain on our energy supply. California's ability to generate hydroelectricity drops during droughts, leading to higher costs and greater use of fossil fuels, solar, wind and natural gas. Added demand on power sources can lead to brownouts, blackouts, power rationing, and higher prices. Drought or not, investigating your home for energy leaks and energy efficiencies is safe and smart.

Some of our favorite energy-savings ideas:

BECOME A FAN OF FANS. Fans instead of the central air conditioning unit whenever possible. Individual fans cost about 90 percent less to operate.

TURN UP THE HEAT. Install a programmable thermostat. During peak hours or when you are not at home in the summer, remember to set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher.

BRING THE DAYLIGHT IN. Make the switch to new energy-efficient LED light bulbs. Even better, install **Solatube Skylights** and capture your sunlight electricity free.

CONSIDER A COOL ROOF. A cool roof uses material that is designed to reflect more sunlight and absorb less heat than a standard roof. By installing a cool roof, you can lower the temperature of your roof by up to 50°F and save energy and money by using less air conditioning.

YOUR LAUNDRY CAN WAIT. Postpone using major appliances until after 6PM. If you are a PG&E customer, you can get alerts when you enter a more expensive time period.

UNPLUG AND TURN OFF. Good advice for your mind and your energy bills. Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics when not in use. Unplug those electronics that are used only occasionally. Doing just this, will save the average household \$100 a year.

REDUCE your water heater temperature to 120 degrees.

LOOK FOR ENERGY STAR rating labels on all energy-related products.

PLAN FOR TOMORROW, PLANT A SHADE TREE. Once properly placed shade trees mature, you can save as much as 40 percent on your summer electric bill. If you are a SMUD customer, free shade trees are available.

BLOW IT OUT. Don't make the air conditioner do all the work. Install an attic fan to help keep your attic cool and dry. If you are PGE customer, get a home energy checkup and see if there are more ways for you to save energy and money.

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