EVERY DAY ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Look for the Energy Star label, the symbol for energy efficiency, when buying home appliances and products.

Households that replace existing appliance with Energy Star products can cut annual energy bills by 30 percent.

Clean or replace central air system filters once a month.

Consider replacing your regular incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent ones. Fluorescent bulbs last longer, use less electricity, and help your home stay cooler in the summer because they generate less heat than conventional light bulbs. Compact fluorescent bulbs are four times more energy efficient that incandescent bulbs and provide the same lighting.

Exterior lighting is one of the best places to use compact fluorescent bulbs because of their long life. Also consider installing motion detectors on exterior lighting.

Use a microwave or toaster oven to cook small portions of food and a conventional oven or stove-top for larger items.

Turn off TV's, VCRs, cable boxes, CD players, cassette decks and computers during long periods of non-use. This will cut costs and increase the life of that product.