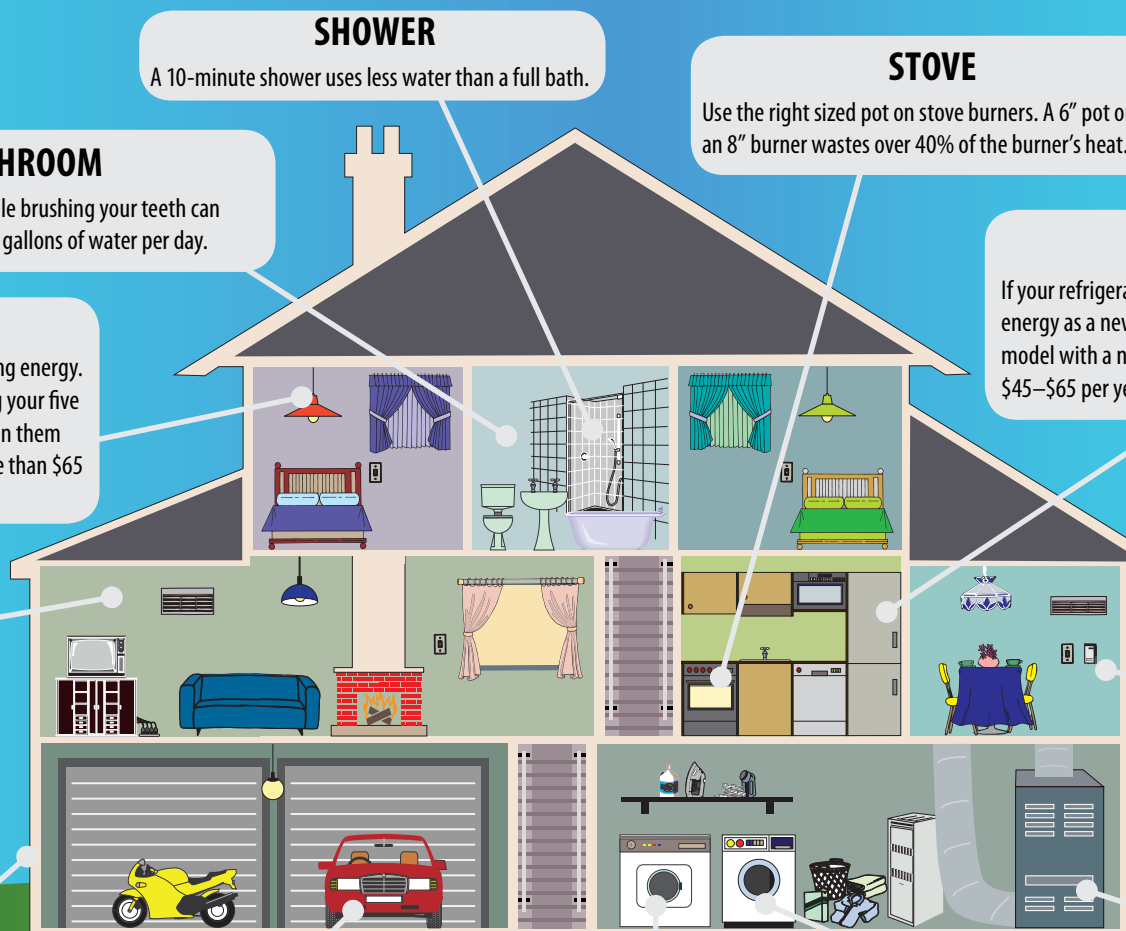


GREEN IDEAS FOR THE HOME



SHOWER

A 10-minute shower uses less water than a full bath.

STOVE

Use the right sized pot on stove burners. A 6" pot on an 8" burner wastes over 40% of the burner's heat.

BATHROOM

Turning off the water while brushing your teeth can help save an average of 3 gallons of water per day.

LIGHTING

Lighting is one of the easiest places to start saving energy. Turn off lights when you leave a room. Replacing your five most frequently used light fixtures or the bulbs in them with ENERGY STAR qualified lights can save more than \$65 a year in energy costs.

REFRIGERATOR

If your refrigerator was made before 1993, it uses twice as much energy as a new ENERGY STAR qualified model. Replacing an older model with a new ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerator can save \$45-\$65 per year.

LIVING ROOM

75% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed when the products are turned off. Plug home electronics such as TVs, computers, stereos, and DVD players into power strips and turn power strips off when equipment is not in use.

PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT

Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature settings when you're away or sleeping. When used properly, a programmable thermostat can save up to \$150 a year in energy costs.

HOME SEALING

Sealing your home's envelope (i.e. windows, doors, holes, cracks and/or gaps) is one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce your energy bill and improve your comfort. Home sealing reduces uncomfortable drafts and helps avoid moisture problems. Done right, home sealing could save you up to 10% on your home energy bill.

CAR

Give your car a break. Use mass transit, walk or bike whenever possible. Leaving your car at home just 2 days a week will save 1,590 lbs. of greenhouse gas emissions each year!

WASHER

Hot water heating accounts for 90% of the energy a washing machine uses — only 10% goes to electricity for the washer motor. Save big by switching to the cold water setting.

DRYER

Cleaning the lint trap before every use is the easiest way to increase drying efficiency and saves the average homeowner \$34 each year.

HEATING/COOLING

Almost half of your household energy use goes to heating and cooling. Ensure efficiency by replacing your furnace's air filter at least every 3 months and by having a licensed contractor inspect your furnace and air conditioner twice a year.