

Maximize your energy S.A.V.I.N.G.S.

October is Energy Awareness Month, and there's no better time than the present to fall into significant energy S.A.V.I.N.G.S. By taking a careful look at the ways you use electricity in your home, you can make a significant dent in your electric bill

To maximize your energy S.A.V.I.N.G.S. potential:

Sign up for EnergyWiseSM. Earn monthly credits on your energy bill when you allow Progress Energy Florida to temporarily cycle power off and on to your electric water heater, heating or air conditioning if there is an unusually high demand for power in your community. You could save more than \$145 a year on your energy bill.

Aadjust your thermostat. Set the A/C at 78 degrees or warmer in the summer months and 70 degrees or cooler in the winter months and save up to \$299 a year.

Verify your water temperature. You could save up to \$85 a year by changing your water heater temperature from 140 degrees to 120.

Iinvest in compact fluorescent bulbs. Replacing just eight frequently used light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones can lead to an annual energy savings of up to \$140.

Note your thermostat's fan switch setting. Switch it to auto and save up to \$25 per month.

Go "green" in the laundry room. Switch from hot water to cold and save up to 50 cents a load. Hang clothes to dry for added savings.

Scrutinize your energy use with a free Home Energy Check. This is the best and lowest-cost way to get the most out of your energy S.A.V.I.N.G.S. efforts. Through this free program, a Progress Energy Florida energy advisor will offer a customized analysis of your home's energy use and recommendations on how you can save money on your energy bill. This is also the only way to qualify for valuable rebates Progress Energy Florida offers toward home energy improvements.

To find a full list of Progress Energy's 100 energy-saving tips and valuable rebates, or to sign up for a free Home Energy Check, visit www.savethewatts.com or call 1-877-364-9003.

The savings listed above are based on a typical home of approx. 1850 sq. ft. with an annual kWh usage of 15,655 and are calculated at \$.13/kWh for simplification and are based upon engineering assumptions and approximations from PEF Base Study, DOE, and Energy Star. Actual savings may differ.

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