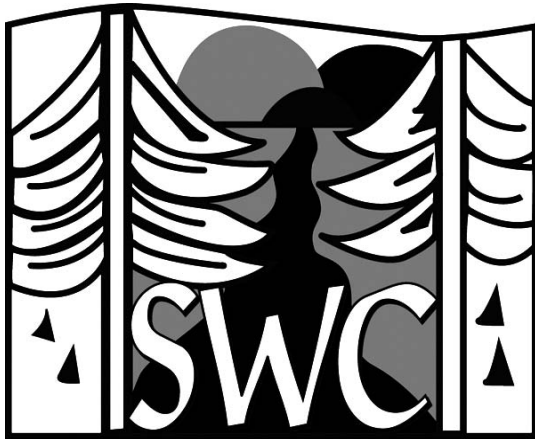


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Tips for saving money on heating bills

According to Central Lincoln Public Utility District, there are several ways for customers to cut heating costs. Following are some tips:

- Set the thermostat no higher than 68 degrees when you are home.
- If you are going to be gone for more than an hour or are headed to bed, lower the thermostat to 55. For every one degree you lower your thermostat, you'll save about 3 percent on heating costs.
- Install "heat anticipating" clock thermostats. They'll turn down your heat at night and turn it up in the morning.
- If you have a furnace or forced air heating, clean or replace air filters every three months during winter and spring. Check for loose ductwork and consider having ducts tested and sealed.
- If you have baseboard heaters, carefully remove covers and vacuum dust and dirt from the fins behind the covers.
- If you have wall heaters, remove the grill, wash it in hot soapy water, then dry. Carefully vacuum only the blower wheel. Use a blow dryer on low to gently blow dust off the element.
- Close the fireplace damper or glass doors when not in use, but make sure the fire is completely out.

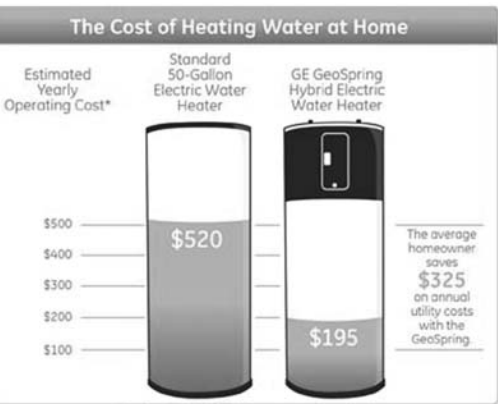


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