

HOME ENERGY EVALUATION

Use this handy checklist to make sure your home is a smart energy user. The most important areas are heating/cooling and water heating.

Heating and Cooling

- System checked and maintained within the last year.
- Programmable thermostat installed and programmed.
- Thermostat set to 68 degrees for heating and 78 degrees for cooling.
- Outdoor unit clear of obstructions, like shrubs and debris.
- Filters replaced or cleaned at recommended intervals.
- Duct system properly sealed and insulated.
- Indoor vents not blocked by rugs or furniture.
- Blinds, drapes closed in summer and open in winter.
- Ceiling fans used in summer.
- Extra clothing worn in winter.
- Heat-producing appliance use avoided on hot days.

Water Heating

- Thermostats set no higher than 120 degrees.
- Insulating blanket installed on water heater.
- Hot water pipes insulated.
- Leaks fixed.
- Low-flow faucets and shower heads installed.
- Hot water not left running.
- Shower time limited.
- Clothes washed in cold water.
- Dishwasher run only when full.



Don't forget insulation and weatherization which influences energy used for heating and cooling.

Insulation and Weatherization

- Attic insulated to R-30.
- Floors over crawlspace or unheated basement insulated to R-19.
- Storm windows installed over single-pane windows.
- Gaps around doors and windows sealed with weatherstripping or caulk.
- Gaskets installed on light switches and electric outlets.

Lighting

- Old bulbs replaced with LEDs.
- Lights not in use turned off.

Other

- TVs and other entertainment devices off when not in use.
- Dryer run with full load.



Electric Meter

A high reading on your electricity meter is a symptom, rather than a cause, of high electricity use. Our meters are very reliable and accurate. If you notice a big jump in your power bill, it might be a problem with your heating and cooling system or water heater. Call us for assistance.

Online Energy Portal

myWaltonEMC.com makes it easy to keep track of your energy use. Our online portal is where you can see energy use by the hour and day, and also see how weather affects your energy bill. Check myWaltonEMC.com to keep track of your power use and avoid unexpected increases.

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