

Energy Pledge

2011-2012 (One-year commitment)



At home, I pledge to... *(Please check a minimum of six items.)*

Evaluate my home's energy use with the free online home energy audit tool Bill Analyzer at www.otpc.com.

LIGHTING *Check at least one*

- Turn off lights, electronics, and appliances when they're not in use.
- Install timers and motion detectors.
- Replace my standard holiday lights with energy-efficient LED holiday lighting.
- Replace incandescent lightbulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFL).

APPLIANCES *Check at least one*

- Use sleep mode on my home and office computers, and turn off computers at night.
- Open the dishwasher to air dry dishes instead of using the hot-air dry cycle and run only full loads.
- Dry laundry on a clothesline when applicable; clean dryer lint filter after each use.
- Cook more efficiently by covering pots, using a pressure cooker when appropriate, keeping burners clean, and cooking several dishes at a time in the oven.
- Set refrigerator thermostats to recommended 37° to 40° F, freezer to 5° F.
- Use a microwave, instead of the oven, to heat food when appropriate.
- Clean my refrigerator coil every 4 to 6 months.
- Plug all electronics into a powerstrip to diminish phantom loads. Turn off all electronics, then powerstrip.
- Skip preheating the oven unless baking breads and pastries.

WATER HEATING *Check at least one*

- Wash clothes in coolest water possible and wash only full loads.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Repair leaky faucets (and toilets).
- Set the water heater thermostat at 120° F.
- Enroll in off-peak electric water heating.
- Install Residential Demand Control and be rewarded for using energy wisely.

HEATING AND COOLING *Check at least two*

- Adjust my thermostat setting to 68° F or cooler in winter; 72° F or warmer in summer.
- Adjust my thermostat setting when I leave the house (10° F cooler in winter, 10° F warmer in summer).
- Schedule regular maintenance on heating systems for top efficiency and equipment longevity.
- Keep drapes or blinds closed at night in the winter, and during the day in the summer, to reduce heating and cooling needs.
- Caulk and weather-strip all my doors and windows.
- Clean or replace furnace filters monthly.
- Enroll in CoolSavings (you receive a \$7 monthly credit on your service statements from June through September in return for allowing us to cycle your air conditioner).
- Have a professional seal my heating ducts to reduce heated air loss.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Insulate electrical outlets and switch plates on exterior walls.
- Close off unoccupied rooms so I'm only heating and cooling rooms I'm using.
- Have my air-conditioning system cleaned and checked for refrigerant and air flow annually.
- Enroll in off-peak rates (based on eligibility).

I am an Energy Pledge participant and will do my part to become more energy efficient in my home.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____

Primary heat	Water heater	My home has central air-conditioning
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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