

# Rothsay Community Energy Challenge

## Energy Pledge

(One-year commitment)



### At home, I pledge to...

Please check a minimum of six items.

#### 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.

#### 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.
- 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.
- Use a microwave, instead of the oven, to heat food when appropriate.
- Clean my refrigerator coil every 4-6 months.
- Replace my inefficient dishwasher (over 10 years old) with an Energy Star model.
- Replace my inefficient clothes-washing machine (over 10 years old) with an Energy Star model.

#### Water heating - Check at least one

- Wash clothes in coolest water possible and wash only full loads.
- Shorten showers by a few minutes to conserve hot water.

#### Heating and cooling - Check at least two

- Lower my thermostat setting by 1° F. during the winter.
- Adjust my thermostat setting when I leave the house (10° F. lower in winter, 10° F. higher in summer).
- Have my furnace professionally tuned and cleaned annually and replace its air filters regularly.
- 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.
- Have a professional seal my heating ducts to reduce loss of heated air.
- 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.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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