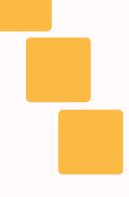




### Let's wrap it up!

Here are 9 easy ways to lower electric usage









**Home Habits** 

- Use student discounts on everything!
- Cook at home & watch your savings grow!





### Home Maintenance Schedule





**Cheat Sheet** 

#### Save It For Later



# Maintenance Schedule Spring/Summer

#### **Spring**

- HVAC Tune-Up: Schedule a professional inspection and cleaning of your air conditioning system.
- Inspect Roof & Gutters: Check for winter damage, clean gutters to prevent water damage.
- Seal Windows & Doors: Re-caulk or add weatherstripping to reduce air leaks.
- Check Plumbing: Look for leaks or corrosion in exposed pipes.
- Test Sump Pump: Ensure it's working before spring rains.

#### Summer

- Install/Check Insulation: Especially in attics and crawl spaces to reduce cooling costs.
- Shade Windows: Use blinds, curtains, or reflective film to reduce heat gain.
- Ceiling Fans: Ensure they rotate counterclockwise to push cool air down.
- Inspect Exterior Paint: Touch up to protect wood and siding from moisture





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## Maintenance Schedule Fall/Winter/Year-Round

#### **∌ ♦ ♦ Fall**

- Furnace Inspection: Clean or replace filters, check for efficiency.
- Chimney & Fireplace: Clean and inspect for safety and efficiency.
- Seal Drafts: Use foam gaskets behind outlets and switch plates on exterior walls.
- Reverse Ceiling Fans: Set to clockwise to circulate warm air.
- Clean Gutters Again: Prevent ice dams and water damage.

#### **\*\* Winter**

- Monitor Heating Usage: Use programmable thermostats to reduce heating when not home.
- Check for Ice Dams: Remove snow from roof edges to prevent water damage.
- Insulate Pipes: Prevent freezing and bursting.
- Close Foundation Vents: Keep cold air out of crawl spaces.

#### Year-Round Tips

- Energy Audit: Consider a professional audit to identify inefficiencies.
- LED Lighting: Replace old bulbs with energy-efficient LEDs.
- Smart Thermostats: Automate temperature control for savings.
- Water Heater: Lower temperature to 120°F and insulate the tank.



