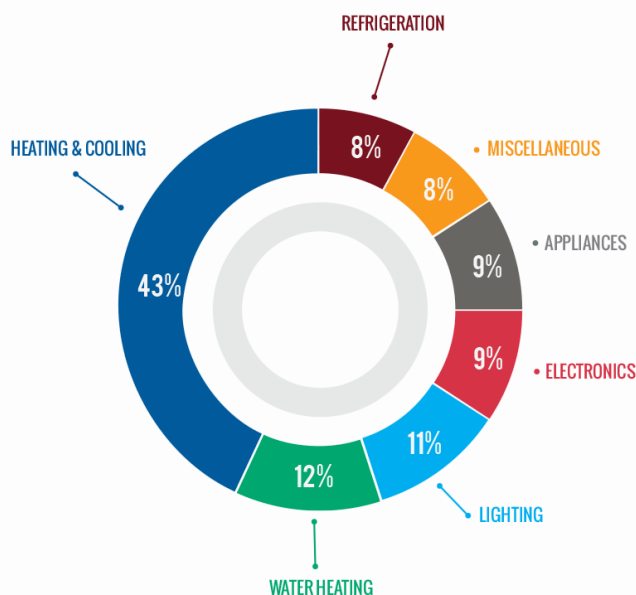




## WHERE DOES YOUR ENERGY GO?



## HELPFUL LINKS:

**WWW.ENERGYSAVERS.GOV/TIPS/  
WWW.CONSUMERENERGYCENTER.ORG/TIPS  
/WINTER.HTML  
WWW.ENERGYIDEAS.ORG/DOCUMENTS/FAC  
TSHEETS/HOMETIPS.PDF**



## Cooking

- Use your microwave oven in place of your range.
- When you have to use your oven, cook more than one item at a time.
- Use flat-bottom pans and tight-fitting lids.
- Use smaller amounts of water and lowest possible heat settings.
- Preheat oven only for baking and not longer than 5 to 8 minutes.
- Use small cooking appliances (electric fry pans, toaster ovens, etc.) whenever possible.
- Run dishwasher when full only and set to air dry.

**More Information and Energy Assistance Programs Available at:**

## Lower Elwha Social Services

**3080 Lower Elwha Rd  
Port Angeles, WA 98363**

**(360) 565-7257**

# TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY & MONEY AT HOME



## For a brighter future

## Heating

- Set your thermostat at 68°F.
- Keep one room warm and lower the temperature in less-used rooms.
- Turn your heater off or down at night.
- Close window coverings at night and open during the day.
- If your home has a fireplace, keep the damper closed when not in use and use a glass or metal closure.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Install foam insulation gaskets in all outlets and switch plates on outside walls.
- Keep heaters clean. Arrange furniture so that registers are not blocked.
- Tape up plastic over windows or make your own storm windows.
- Seal leaks in heating ducts.
- Clean furnace filters every two months.
- Use door snakes to block drafts (you can make your own by stuffing a fabric tube with rice or hulls.)

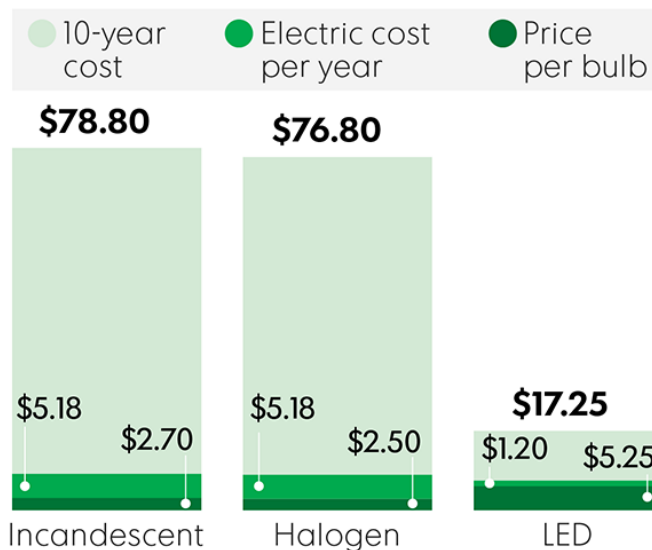


## Lighting

- Turn off lights when not needed.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with new, energy-efficient, compact florescent lights.
- Replace all bulbs with lowest acceptable wattages.
- When possible, use one large bulb rather than several smaller ones.

### LED SAVINGS ADD UP

LED bulbs may cost more up front, but the electric bill savings over 10 years make the purchase worth considering:



**NOTE** 60-watt bulb savings over 10 years. Prices are for GE bulbs at major retailers.

**SOURCE** CFA  
George Petras, USA TODAY



## Hot Water & Laundry

- Set your water heater thermostat to 120°F. It's the law.
- Wrap water heater and hot water pipes with insulation.
- Take showers instead of baths.
- Install low-flow shower heads.
- Repair leaking faucets.
- Run the washing machine with full loads only.
- Use cold water rinse for all loads of laundry. Try cold water wash using cold-water detergent.
- Line dry clothes whenever possible - then use the dryer for a few minutes to soften clothing.
- Clean dryer lint after every load.



## Refrigeration

- Keep your refrigerator temperature at 38°F.
- Freezer temperature should be maintained at 10°F.
- Decide what you need before you open the door, so you can get what you need and shut the door quickly.
- Defrost your freezer when ice or frost build-up is 1/4" thick.
- Check your refrigerator/freezer door gasket periodically for signs of deterioration.
- Vacuum or brush the cooling coils (in back) at least every six months.