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Gift Energy Savings



GIVE THE GIFT OF ENERGY SAVINGS

This year, power up your holiday gift-giving with energy-saving gadgets and appliances. Here is a holiday gift guide with items that can help lower electricity use and monthly bills for everyone on your shopping list.

- **LED bulbs** Quality LEDs are 80 to 90 percent more efficient than outdated incandescent bulbs.
- Smart outlets They turn nearly anything with a plug into a convenient smart device, making it easy to control lighting, appliances and electronics through a smartphone or tablet.
- Smart plug power strip Energy vampires will be a thing of the past with this voice- or app-controlled accessory that becomes the on/off switch for everything plugged into it.
- Smart thermostat This Wi-Fi-enabled device can trim annual energy spending by automatically scaling back heating or air conditioning when it's not needed.
- Wool dryer balls They separate the fabric in the dryer, which helps the warm air circulate better and can decrease drying time by 30 to 50 percent, saving energy and money.
- Wearable heated accessories Electric socks or a heated wearable throw provide personal warmth when the thermostat is lowered for energy savings.
- Electric blanket Using 90 percent less energy than the average portable electric space heater, it is an energy-efficient option for staying warm on cold winter nights.
- **Digital shower timer** Save water, energy and money by limiting shower time.
- **Energy-efficient appliances** Remember to buy products that display the ENERGY STAR label, which confirms they meet federal energy-efficiency standards. Electronics that receive this rating are up to 25% more efficient than those that don't.

All of these gifts - available at local hardware stores, electronics stores and online retailers – can help those close to you reduce their electricity consumption and lower their power bills.



Our offices will be closed December 24th & 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and January 1st for the New Year's holiday.



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Keep the Holidays Merry and Bright...and Safe! *

Never overload electrical outlets.



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Always turn off Christmas Tree lights if you are leaving home or going to bed.

Make sure you know if your lights are for indoor or outdoor use.

Inspect all lights and extension cords for damage before using.