



HOME Rochester Homeowners

Bonus newsletter edition

Sustainability and Energy Tips

- **Light bulbs-** Consider replacing traditional incandescent lightbulbs with LED lightbulbs. A 12-watt bulb emits the same amount of light as a traditional incandescent lightbulb. An LED lightbulb uses 75% less electricity and will last 25,000 hours compared to 1,000 hours with an incandescent bulb. Over time, the LED bulbs will save you money simply because they last so long!
- **Insulation and air sealing-** Consider having your home evaluated to see where heat is escaping in the colder months and where cool air is escaping in the warmer months. Basements and attics are common areas where this occurs. In weak spots, consider adding spray foam insulation and filling spots where needed with air sealant. Adding more protection in these areas can save in your energy bills.
- **Appliances; consider electric as opposed to gas-** When you are in need of a new cooking range, consider moving from a gas stovetop to an electric stovetop. When you are in need of a dryer, consider moving from a gas dryer to electric. You can also consider switching a lawn mower, leaf blower and snow blower from gas to an electric version.
- **Updating to Energy Star Appliances-** When you need new appliances, consider updating to Energy Star appliances. Did you know that you can save money by replacing an old appliance that is less energy efficient with an energy star appliance? Click on the link below to browse Energy Star products:
<https://www.energystar.gov/products>
Click on the links below to browse Energy Star Tax Credits and Rebates:
<https://energystar-mesa.force.com/ENERGYSTAR/s/topic/0TOt00000008fl9GAI/tax-credits>
<https://energystar-mesa.force.com/ENERGYSTAR/s/topic/0TOt00000008fl4GAI/rebates>
- **Heat Pumps-** Clean heating and cooling technologies include heat pump water heaters, air source heat pumps, and ground source heat pumps. These systems do not use fossil fuels and are better for the environment. They can lower your energy bills because technologies are more efficient and last longer with low maintenance. Learn more about clean heating and cooling technologies here:
https://www.nysersda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Heat-Pump-Program/Heat-Pump-Planner?utm_source=CHCcommunities&utm_medium=Website&utm_content=InlineBody&utm_campaign=NA
- **Solar panels-** Solar panels generate electricity from the sun and reduce fossil fuel use. If your house is a suitable candidate for solar panels, they can replace energy purchased through your provider and can lower your electric bill.
- **A NO COST Home assessment-** is offered through the City of Rochester's Sustainable Homes Program. You can schedule a free, no obligation home energy assessment. Learn how you can save money and improve your home's energy efficiency. You can sign up here:
<https://airtable.com/embed/shrfyUY401RtkMfER?backgroundColor=green>

You may want to enlist a professional to assist with all or some of these tasks.

Our mission is to send out tips to assist you with successful homeownership

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