Home Energy Savings Checklist for Renters

Landlord Permission Not Required

Component of Home Energy System	Annual Savings
No Cost Items	
❑ Turn off 2nd refrigerator	$150-$250
❑ Turn off computer when not in use	up to $120
❑ Set sleep mode on computer and monitor	up to $100
❑ Turn off TV when not in use	$25-$45
❑ Wash clothes in cold water	up to $75
❑ Line dry clothes	up to $200
❑ Dry multiple loads back-to-back while dryer is warm	$5
❑ Separate quick drying from slow drying clothes	up to $10
❑ Operate appliances during off-peak rates	up to $220
❑ Close damper on fireplace when not in use	$60-$75, 4-5%
❑ Don't pre-rinse dishes before putting in dishwasher	$40
❑ Don't use "heated dry" setting on dishwasher	$60
❑ Install radiator reflectors between radiators and walls	up to $100, up to 5%
❑ Clean seals on refrigerator door	$3-$5, up to 2%
❑ Clean coils in back of refrigerator	$3-$10, up to 4%
❑ Turn down thermostat	up to $300, up to 20%
❑ Turn off bathroom and kitchen fans when not needed	up to $30, up to 2%
❑ Windows (Do all on list below):	up to $100, up to 5%
❑ Latch windows securely	
❑ Close drapes or blinds on windows	
❑ Open drapes or blinds on sunny days	
Low Cost Items	
❑ Replace incandescents with compact fluorescent light bulbs	$5-$10 per bulb
❑ Replace incandescents with nightlights (especially LED nightlights)	$24 per bulb
❑ Replace halogen torchiere with CFL torchiere	$35 per torchiere
❑ Turn off biggest phantom power users (vampires)	up to $150

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No Cost Items	
❑ Reduce hot water temperature on hot water heater to 120°F	$20-$60, 6-10%
❑ Install storm windows if you have them	
Low Cost Items	
❑ Seal air leaks: If you do all on list	up to $300, up to 20%
❑ Seal openings into attic from pipes, vents, chimney	
❑ Seal attic hatch door	up to $20, 1-2%
❑ Seal cracks, gaps in foundation	up to $50
❑ Seal openings from basement into main floor	
❑ Seal around windows and doors	
❑ Insulate hot water pipes	$10-$20
❑ Insulate hot water heater	up to $50, 4-9%
❑ Install aerators on faucets	$3-$5 per aerator
❑ Install low flow showerheads	$10-$40, 3-6%
❑ Insulate attic hatch door	up to $20, 1-2%
❑ Weatherstrip doors and install door sweeps	$15-$20
❑ Seal and insulate heating ducts	$75-$200, 5-15%
❑ Install foam gaskets on electrical outlets	up to $15
❑ Change furnace filters regularly (if you have a warm air system)	up to $100, up to 5%
❑ Insulate water pipes in homes with hot water heating systems	up to $100, up to 5%
❑ Install water heater timer/use only with off-peak rates	up to $150, up to 30%
❑ Seal off unused or little-used rooms	up to $200, up to 10%
❑ Install a programmable thermostat	up to $300, up to 20%
❑ Windows: Do all on list	up to $150, up to 10%
❑ Repair broken windows	
❑ Install plastic sheeting on the interiors of single pane windows	

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