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Energy-Efficient Tips To Get You Through The Chilly Holidays

As this arctic blast hits Colorado, take the steps necessary to keep your home comfortable and save money on you energy bills.

1. **Be on the cutting edge** with light-emitting diode, or LED holiday lights. Each bulb with this new technology uses only 0.04 watts and is up to 90 percent more efficient than its incandescent counterpart.
2. **To maximize holiday lighting** savings, use timers to limit light displays to just the hours you want..
3. **Stay cozy** by plugging air leaks and insulating. Sealing up air leaks with caulking and weather stripping and installing adequate insulation will not only increase indoor comfort but will also reduce home heating costs by up to 20 percent. Cover whole house fans and evaporative coolers.
4. **Don't send precious, costly warmed air up the chimney!** When the fireplace is not in use, try to seal the opening.
5. **Make a New Year's resolution** that's good for your pocketbook and the environment. Get started on those energy-efficient home improvements you've been putting off for too long. See www.smartenergyliving.org for the latest information on valuable new federal income tax credits for energy-efficiency upgrades to your home.
6. **Instead of leaving your door open** to carolers and losing all that precious heat, pull on your parka and join in the fun. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, too!
7. Although frost on windows may be charming in holiday movies, it's uncomfortable in your own home. Depending on your financial capabilities, either cover single-pane windows with plastic film to avoid drafts, install storm windows, or upgrade to energy-efficient windows with double panes and low-emissivity coatings to dramatically improve indoor comfort.
8. For more ideas on how to make your home more comfortable, attend the **AFFORDABLE HOME COMFORT: STAY COMFORTABLE AND SAVE MONEY THIS WINTER** workshop this Saturday, in Golden. Local energy experts will explain the steps you can take today to make your home more efficient and comfortable. Visit www.smartenergyliving.org for more information or to register or call 303-216-2026 ext 150.

[More energy saving tips](http://www.smartenergyliving.org) and information can be found by visiting www.smartenergyliving.org.

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