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Weathering Winter

Warmer, Smarter!

Keeping your home warm throughout winter can increase your energy use. Use these simple tips to keep cozy and reduce your use to save money.

- ▶ Close and lock all storm windows, and remove screens in order to take advantage of the warm sun
- ▶ Seal all cracks and gaps around windows and doors
- ▶ Close blinds and drapes at night to keep warmth in
- ▶ Keep registers on and leave interior doors open to prevent strain on your central heating system
- ▶ Keep yourself warm by layering up, moving around and adding extra blankets to your bed
- ▶ Remember to turn off exterior lighting at the end of the day



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Enjoy the Holiday Spirit Safely

Before the friends and family arrive marking the Holiday season, the decorations come out! Be sure to stay safe as you get in the festive spirit by following these tips:

- ▶ Consider decorating with LED string lights—they are energy-efficient and safe because they produce nearly no heat
- ▶ Never use indoor holiday lights outdoors
- ▶ Check all lighting and cords for frayed ends, bare wires or loose connections
- ▶ When decorating outdoor trees, be sure that their limbs are not touching any power lines

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