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When the heat is on – Turn it down

This winter, to reduce your energy usage and save on your electric bill, consider making a few simple adjustments:

- Turn down your thermostat by 3-5 degrees – maybe no one will even notice! Set the temperature at a maximum of 55 degrees (or turn it off) when you are away.
- Clean or change furnace filters every three months. Dirty filters restrict airflow, increasing energy use.
- As days get shorter, you'll use more lighting. Replace your standard incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR®-rated compact fluorescent bulbs. You get the same amount of light using less energy.

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Reach for the star

Keep your eye on the star this season – ENERGY STAR®, that is.

ENERGY STAR-rated products are less expensive to operate because they're more efficient – so you'll not only save money, but you'll help protect the environment. For example, if every television sold this year had the ENERGY STAR rating, pollution would be reduced by 9 billion pounds; if all DVD players sold had the ENERGY STAR rating, it would lessen air pollution by 6 billion pounds – the same as taking 75,000 cars off the road.

Shopping for electronics this season?

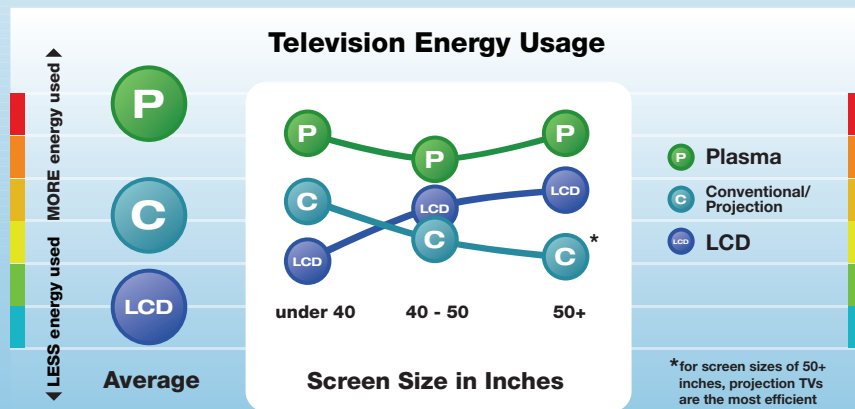
Keep in mind:

- Combination devices – such as TV-DVD players – can save you space, energy and money. Most new DVD players can also play music CDs.
- A plasma-screen TV uses more energy than its conventional or LCD counterpart. An average 42" plasma TV uses about 370 watts, vs. an LCD model, which needs only about 150.
- Add a power strip as a stocking stuffer – and keep it on only when you need to. Even when electronics are off, they're still using electricity, and that adds to your bill.



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*for screen sizes of 50+ inches, projection TVs are the most efficient

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