

Give Your Home a Fall Refresh to Save Energy

Fall is an opportunity to turn over a new leaf as temperatures begin to cool and summer fades away. During this in-between season, California residents don't need their AC full blast and it is too early to worry about running their heaters.

Over the next month, while packing away shorts and tanks and bringing out sweaters, boots and everything pumpkin, check in on your energy use and give your home a fall refresh.

Energy Upgrade California, the statewide initiative inspiring residents to use energy better to keep California golden, has tips to help you fall in love with saving energy this season:

- **Find the Right Temperature.** Installing a programmable thermostat can help you moderate the temperature in your home without a second thought. Remember, your home doesn't need to be the perfect temperature when you're not home. By using a smart thermostat, you can turn off your system when you won't be home and turn it on just as you return.
- **Pull the Plug.** While this might seem insignificant, many computers, televisions, and other small devices draw power even when they're turned off. Remember to not only turn off but unplug any devices and appliances when they're not being used. Consider utilizing a power strip to turn everything off at once!
- **Take Advantage of Hang Drying.** Allow the crisp air of autumn to dry your clothing outside. Utilizing the drying power of the wind will help you save energy and keep your clothing looking fresher longer.
- **Check for Drafts.** If you can see any sunlight between your doors and windows and their frames, or if you feel any air seeping through, your home isn't properly sealed. Before cold air has a chance to enter your home, consider adding insulation and filling gaps to reduce the draft.



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