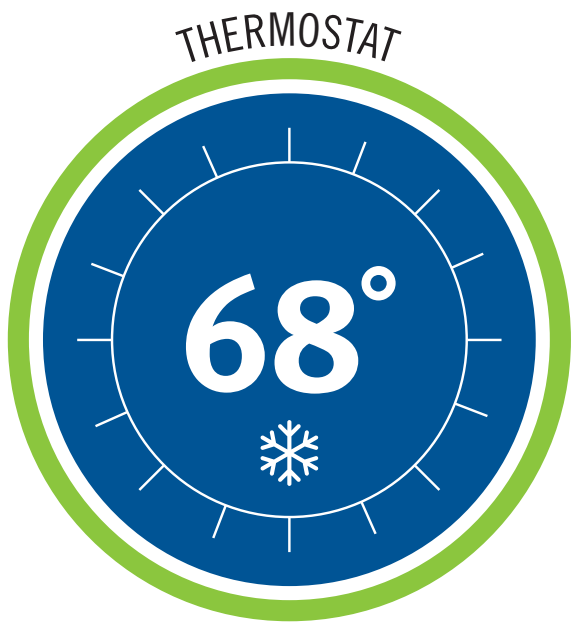


COLD WEATHER = HIGHER BILLS

You can't control the weather but you can control your thermostat. Electric bills in the winter can be 2-3 times more than fall or spring. Every degree above 68 causes an 11% increase in most electric bills, so lowering your thermostat is the easiest and most effective way to save during cooler months. More tips to save when the weather is cold are below.



1

SET YOUR THERMOSTAT TO 68°

Adjust the thermostat fan switch on "auto."

2

INSTALL A SMART THERMOSTAT

It will adjust the temperature automatically.

3

LOWER YOUR THERMOSTAT TO 65° AT BEDTIME

Or when you're away from home.



Bundle up!

Put on a sweater and socks to stay warm instead of turning up the heat.



Put an electric blanket on your bed to stay warm while sleeping.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions and make sure you turn it off and unplug it when it's not in use.



Use a space heater to heat a room.

It's cheaper than heating the whole house. Remember to keep it at least 3 feet away from flammable items.

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