

## **Public Service Announcement** **Township of Wyckoff**

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### **Energy Saving Tips in Time for the Holidays From the Wyckoff Environmental Commission**

The holiday season is fast approaching, beginning this week with Halloween! A few energy and money saving ideas for you this holiday season courtesy of: Repower at Home, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Wyckoff Environmental Commission.

#### **For the Holidays and the Winter Months**

Replace your old holiday lights with Light-Emitting Diode (LED) light strings. Although they may cost more initially, LEDs use a fraction of the energy of traditional holiday lights. Plus, they last up to 20 years.

Plug your indoor and outdoor lighting displays into a timer set to run during the earlier evening hours. If you don't use a timer, unplug your lights when you go to sleep or leave home.

.A savvy homeowner who changes her thermostat is saving as much as \$125 every year — just by going down or up two degrees. Would you like to be \$125 richer? **Raise your thermostat two degrees in the summer and lower it two degrees in the winter!**

Start the heating season with a new furnace filter, and clean or replace it monthly to keep your furnace running efficiently.

Water heating can account for roughly 19% of your home energy use. If you have an electric water heater, consider purchase an insulation “blanket” and “warm it up” Stop wasting energy and start saving money on your energy bill. Setting your hot water heater to 120°F can cut your water heating costs by 10 percent.

**Just an 1/8" gap around two door lets in as much air as leaving a window open six inches!** You wouldn't leave a window open on a cold day — don't let air out through gaps either. Buy some weather stripping this fall and close the gaps!

#### **For Every Day**

Your electronics use energy even when they're switched “off” to power things like sensors and lights. In fact, **the average electronic consumes most of its energy when you're not even using it.** Every month, you spend about 10% of your electricity bill feeding these vampires. Unplug and Switch off!

When you wash your clothes in hot water, **90% of the energy is used to heat the water.** By switching to the cold cycle, you save energy and money. Your clothes will be brighter and your wallet will be mightier!

Is your house working overtime to heat and cool empty rooms? Take it off the clock with vent covers. Vent covers allow you to prevent unnecessary heating and cooling in guest rooms and other occasional-use spaces.

P.S. For more energy saving tips, Join the Wyckoff Environmental Commission and become a Vampire Slayer this Halloween! (<http://repowerathome.com/wyckoff-environmental-commission>)