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## ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR THE REMOTE LIFESTYLE



With the increase in remote work comes the inevitable increase in energy costs—from lighting and home electronics use to the demand for heating and cooling. But there are ways to embrace a remote lifestyle and still save on your electric and gas bills.

- Take advantage of natural light! You'll not only minimize the need for artificial light—it's the most flattering light for video conference calls!
- Turn to task lighting. It's more cost-effective than broad overhead lighting and can reduce eyestrain and fatigue.
- Plug your home office equipment into an advanced power strip. Idle power usage accounts for as much as 10 percent of the average electric bill.
- Dressing appropriately will enable you to keep the thermostat lower—even one degree can save money!
- Invest in a smart thermostat—it'll learn your habits and routine and help keep you comfortable while saving you money.
- Enlist the help of a ceiling fan in the warmer months. Make sure your fan is set to rotate counterclockwise. The clockwise setting is for bringing warm air down from the ceiling in the winter.
- Wait until you have a full load to run the dishwasher and washing machine and avoid peak usage hours of 3-8pm.

**PRO TIP:** When powered on, game consoles, televisions, and similar electronic devices are responsible for up to 12% of energy use.











## **GAS LEAK RESPONSE**

Do you know how to recognize a gas leak, and what to do if you suspect one? If there's a gas leak in the area, you might see fire or debris being oddly thrown into the air or hear a hissing sound, but the most common sign is the smell of rotten eggs.

If you suspect a leak, do not try to turn off your gas. Immediately leave the area and avoid using electronics, garage door openers, light switches, or anything that could cause a spark or flame.

Once you're at a safe distance, call 9-1-1.

To view our video on gas leaks go to UNITIL.COM/GAS LEAK



## **NEED HELP WITH BILLS?**JUST ASK!

If you are having trouble paying your bills, please don't go it alone. There are lots of ways we can help, including:

**BUDGET PLANS:** Unitil's budget billing programs can help take the surprise out of month-to-month bills.

**PAYMENT PLANS:** Payment plans are available to take care of past due balances and get caught up once again.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS:** Unitil supports a variety of energy efficiency programs, from cost saving energy strips to new bulbs to rebates for swapping out old appliances for a new one.

**DISCOUNT PROGRAMS:** Depending on the size of your family and your combined gross annual income, you may be eligible to receive a discounted rate for your Unitil gas and electric service. To see if you qualify, or to learn more about all of our assistance programs, visit our website:



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- **⊗** Request to Stop Service



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