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# ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR LANDLORDS & RENTERS



Whether you own multiple properties or rent a small apartment, everyone can benefit from reducing day-to-day expenses! Here are six low-cost tips for landlords and renters, that won't break the bank:

#### **FOR LANDLORDS**

#### **⊘** CAULK AND SEAL WINDOWS & DOORS

Tiny gaps around doors and windows are responsible for much of the energy loss in a home – and this is especially true of older buildings. Sealing air leaks will not only keep heat in during the winter months but will also keep heat out in the summer.

#### **PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT**

A programmable or smart thermostat can help your tenants take better control of their energy usage and, when used properly, can lower energy bills by 10 to 15 percent.

## SWITCH TO ENERGY-SAVING LED LIGHT BULBS

Not only do LED light bulbs use 80 to 90 percent less energy than their incandescent counterparts, but they last up to 15 times longer as well.

For more information, visit



UNITIL.COM/BLOG/7-LOW-COST-EFFICIENCY-IMPROVEMENTS-LANDLORDS



#### **FOR RENTERS**

Did you know that you can reduce your annual utility bill by as much as 30% and improve the comfort of your home in the process? Here are some small changes that deliver a big impact.

#### **WINDOW SHADES**

Window shades and draperies do more than just improve the appearance of a room – they also aid in energy savings! Lined or insulated window treatments limit heat loss through the windows in the winter and block the sun's radiation in the summer.

## **○** KEEP BASEBOARD HEATERS, WARM-AIR REGISTERS, AND RADIATORS CLEAN

By cleaning heat distribution registers periodically, you'll ensure that dust, pet hair, and other debris doesn't compromise heat circulation.

#### **○ LIMIT STANDBY ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION**

Computers, tablets, TVs, and other small appliances pull electrical current even in standby mode. Plugging your electronics into a smart power strip will minimize phantom energy consumption, and protect your devices from power surges.



For more information, visit <u>UNITIL.COM/BLOG/ENERGY-EFFICIENCY-TIPS-RENTERS</u>









### **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.

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# **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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We know how busy this time of year can be and would love to help! Renters, homeowners and vacationers alike are looking for homes, relocating families, and enjoying seasonal houses. Wherever your summer takes you, make sure you have the service you need all lined up by contacting us online to:

- **⊘** Change your Address
- **⊘** Request to Stop Service



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