

# Have a favorite sweater?



**Well, this is the winter to wear it.**

When you set your thermostat at the lowest possible setting at which you are comfortable, you can always put on that favorite sweater if you get chilly.

- For every degree below 72 degrees at which you set your thermostat, you save 3-5% on your heating bill.
- If you own an old heating unit, now is a good time to replace it with an energy-efficient unit.
- Install a programmable or automatic thermostat. Turn your thermostat back at night and when you are away from home. Turning your thermostat back 8 hours a day can cut your annual heating bill by as much as 10 percent.
- Keep the filters of your heating unit clean. Change the fiberglass ones monthly; wash the aluminum mesh ones.
- Insulate, insulate...your attic, between floors, outside walls, around heating ducts, and any pipes exposed to outside air.
- Look for places around your home where valuable heated air can escape to the outside. Close up holes, weatherstrip and caulk where necessary.
- Set the temperature of your water heater at 120 degrees. Cover your water heater in an approved insulating blanket.

**More energy tips on back...**

- Open blinds and drapes on sunny days and close them at night and on cloudy days.
- Only wash and dry full loads of laundry and dishes.
- When buying a new heating/cooling unit, buy the highest SEER rating you can afford. SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating) is a federal government standard. Trying to save money on the front end will cost you more each month when you run the unit.
- Likewise, when buying appliances, look for the models that are the most energy efficient.
- Install storm or thermal windows and doors or double-pane glass. For a less expensive alternative, temporarily fasten plastic sheeting over doors and windows to prevent drafts and retain heat.
- Use ceiling fans to direct heat down in rooms with high or vaulted ceilings.
- To prevent valuable heat from escaping up your chimney, keep your damper closed in cold weather and enjoy the fire-place in milder weather when you don't have the heat on.
- For more tips, check out [www.jaxenergy.com](http://www.jaxenergy.com).

## **Jackson Energy Authority is here to help...**

- Call to check your heating unit for safety and efficiency. This annual inspection is free.
- Call us for our free brochure that takes you through your whole house to look for ways to save energy.
- Call us for a free home energy audit.
- Check out our low-interest financing program when buying appliances and HVAC systems. You can spread out payments on your monthly JEA bill.



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