

TOP FIVE ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Our friends at LEAP put together a list of five steps to help you start saving right away.



Switch to LED light bulbs

LED light bulbs are 75% more efficient than incandescents and are long lasting.



Use cold water in your wash cycle

Simply washing your clothes in cold water can save you up to \$63 a year.



Use your window shades

Close blinds in the summer to keep out the hot sun and open them in the winter to bring in warm rays.



Clean or change filters regularly

A dirty furnace or A/C filter will slow down airflow and make the system work harder.



Seal the leaky gaps

Sealing air leaks combined with attic/wall insulation can save 20% on heating and cooling bills, and increase comfort.

Start saving money and the planet in just one easy step!

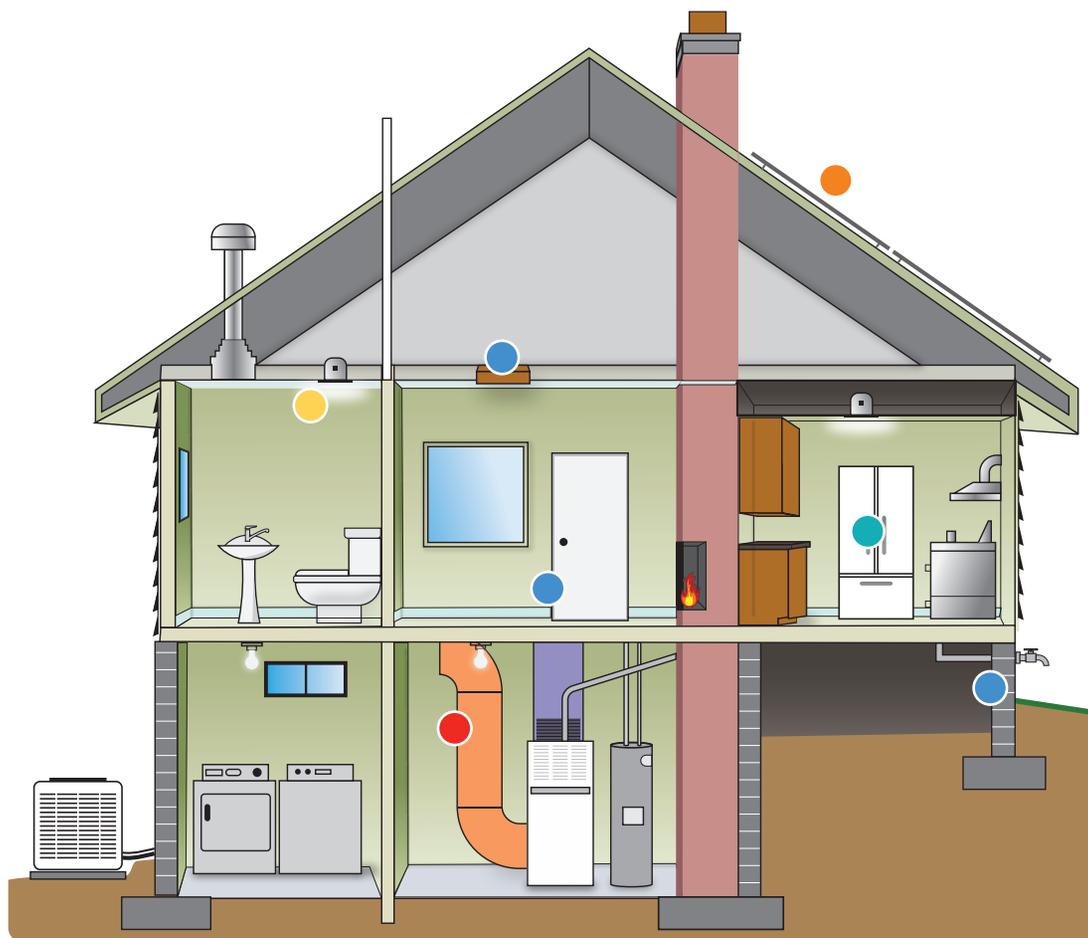
Worried that upgrades are too expensive? Public funding is available for qualified City residents! LEAP can help you navigate which programs are right for you. Contact C3's Residential and Equity Program Manager, **Latricia Giles** — latricia@theclimatecollaborative.org



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THE MOST COMMON AREAS TO Save Energy, Save Money and Help the Planet!



● Your Home or “Building Envelope”

Seal Air Leaks with weather stripping. Air sealing a home can save more than 20% on heating/cooling.

Add Insulation 90% of existing homes do not have enough insulation!

● Appliances

Water Heater About 17% of the energy used in your home goes toward heating your water.

Oven Did you know that a toaster oven uses 1/3 to 1/2 as much energy as a full-size oven?

Fridge/Freezer Frost buildup decreases the efficiency so don't let it build up more than 1/4”.

● Heating and Cooling

Equipment The higher your A/C's SEER rating, the more efficient it will be (19-25 SEER is high)!

Duct Work/Vents Ducts that leak 20% can cause your system to work 50% harder.

● Solar Panels

A **solar-powered** home can reduce CO2 emissions by 100 tons within 28 years.

● Lighting

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