## 56 Easy Ways To Slash High Electricity Bills

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- 1. Turn off lights in any room not being used.
- 2. Shut off dishwasher for dry cycle. Let your dishes "air dry".
- 3. Use a window fan instead of air conditioner whenever possible.
- 4. Turn off your TV, radio, record player when not in use.
- 5. Use large bulb instead of several small ones where bright light is needed.
- 6. Use lamp shades with white liner. This reflects more light.
- 7. Replace incandescent with fluorescent bulbs wherever possible.
- 8. Teach all family members to turn off lights when leaving a room.
- 9. Don't use dishwasher or laundry equipment until you have a full load.
- 10. Use outdoor lights only where they are needed.
- 11. Make sure your refrigerator and freezer door seals are airtight.
- 12. Save electricity by using old-fashioned clothesline for clothes drying.
- 13. Keep air conditioning condenser shaded from sun or on north side of house.
- 14. Vacuum or dust off coils of refrigerator and freezer regularly.
- 15. Turn off air conditioning when no one is home.
- 16. "Instant-on" TV sets use energy even when set is not turned on.
- 17. A full freezer uses less energy. Use bags of ice cubes to keep filled.
- 18. Never overload clothes dryer and always clean lint filter after use.
- 19. Freezers and refrigerators that defrost automatically use more energy.
- 20. Let hot foods cool before placing them in the refrigerator.
- 21. Remove clothes that require ironing from the dryer while they are damp.
- 22. When replacing switches, consider installing solid state dimmer switches.
- 23. Use low wattage night-light bulbs that now come in 4 and 7-watt sizes.
- 24. Place your refrigerator in the coolest part of the kitchen.
- 25. Don't "over dry" clothing. It wastes energy and may damage synthetics.
- 26. When going away for extended periods, set

refrigerator at lowest setting.

- 27. Turn off electric water heater when going away for vacations or weekends.
- 28. Turn 3-way lamps down to lowest level for TV watching.
- 29. Choose light, reflective colors for room ceilings and walls.
- 30. Never connect any large appliance to an extension cord.
- 31. Decide exactly what you want before you open the refrigerator door.
- 32. Defrost refrigerator regularly when about 1/4 inch of ice has formed.
- 33. "Long-life" light bulbs use more energy than standard life bulbs.
- 34. Turn off your iron when not using it.
- 35. Put light switches where they are easy to turn on and off.
- 36. Keep appliances clean and in good working order. They'll use less energy.
- 37. When using air conditioning, set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher.
- 38. Keep bulbs and lighting fixtures clean. Dust lowers light levels.
- 39. Eliminate unnecessary outdoor decorative lighting.
- 40. Plant shrubs and trees so that they will shade house during summer months.
- 41. Use higher wattage bulbs only for reading and close work.
- 42. Insulating your attic will save on operating air conditioning (also heating).
- 43. If you have a second refrigerator, ask yourself if you really need it.
- 44. Keep the outside exhaust of your clothes dryer clean.
- 45. Buy appliances on the basis of cost plus operating costs, not price alone.
- 46. Buy clothing made of fabrics that require little or no ironing.
- 47. Use hand tools in your workshop instead of power tools.
- 48. When using air conditioning, keep windows closed & close off unused rooms.
- 49. Use reflector floodlights in directional lamps instead of standard bulbs.
- 50. Buy only "no iron" sheets and pillow cases to save on ironing energy.
- 51. Use adapters to convert table lamps into low-energy fluorescent lamps.
- 52. Microwave ovens reduce cooking time by 15% to 20% and save energy.
- 53. When shopping for new appliances, ask about energy-efficient models.

- 54. Don't use several light bulbs where one will do the job.
- 55. Limit the use of appliances that use over 1,000 watts.
- 56. Check all energy bills closely. Errors can be costly.