

# EmPower Maryland

Under Governor Martin O'Malley's "EmPOWER Maryland" initiative, the State of Maryland will reduce energy consumption by 15 percent by the year 2015. As part of the EmPOWER Maryland legislation, Maryland's five utilities offer many programs to save your home or business energy -- and money.

**Please visit these websites for additional information on EmPOWER Maryland.**

<http://www.alleghenypower.com/EngConserv/MD/ResEECMd.asp> 1-800-255-3443

[www.bgesmartenergy.com](http://www.bgesmartenergy.com) 1-877-685-7377

<http://www.delmarva.com/SaveEnergy> 1-866-353-5799

<http://www.pepco.com> 202-833-7500

<http://www.smeco.coop/save/> 1-888-440-3311



## Residential Energy Saving Tips

- In top-loading washing machines, use cold water to save energy and up to \$63 a year. Detergents formulated for cold water get clothes just as clean.
- Unplug electronics not in use. A plasma TV left plugged in costs an estimated \$159.76 annually.
- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120 degrees). You'll not only save energy, you'll reduce the risk of scalding.
- Wash only full loads of dishes, air dry and use cold water if possible. If washing dishes by hand, do larger piles at a time and remember not to leave water running in between.
- Ceiling and other fans provide additional cooling and better circulation so you can raise the thermostat and cut down on air conditioning costs.
- Turning your thermostat back 10%–15% for 8 hours can save as much as 10% on your energy bill. Using a programmable thermostat makes this a user-friendly process.
- During the winter months, set your thermostat at 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 60 degrees Fahrenheit at night. You can save 3 percent on your heating costs for every degree you reduce the temperature below 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

## To Obtain Additional Energy Saving Tips,

**please visit these Websites:**

<http://www.energystar.gov/>

<http://www.energy.state.md.us/home.html>

<http://www.energysavers.gov/>

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