



Tips to Reduce your Winter Heating Bill

As the song says, "Baby, It's Cold Outside!" Ameren Missouri customers can reduce their heating bills by implementing energy-saving strategies.

Energy Saving Strategies to Reduce your Winter Heating Bills:

- Keep the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower this winter. You save about 3 percent on your heating costs for each degree you lower your thermostat.
- Use a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust the temperature of your home according to your family's schedule – lowering the temperature when sleeping or away from home, and raising the temperature only as needed.

Smart Thermostats can save up to 15% on your home's heating costs. Take advantage of a \$100 rebate when you purchase and install a new eligible smart thermostat. Check out AmerenMissouri.com Energy Efficiency for details.

- Set water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit for safety and energy savings. Lowering the setting of the water heater thermostat can save approximately 3 to 5 percent in energy costs.

Heat pump water heaters are 2-3 times more efficient than standard electric models, and can save you almost \$300 per year on energy bills. Check out AmerenMissouri.com for details.

- Heat only rooms that need to be warmed by closing vents and doors to unused rooms.
- Adequately insulate your home, which can reduce energy usage by up to 30 percent. In the Midwest, experts recommend 9 to 15 inches of insulation in an attic.
- Keep drapes and furniture from blocking air vents.
- Use weather stripping and caulk to reduce air leaks. Pay special attention to walls, ceilings, windows and vents in the basement. Air leaks in the basement are less noticeable, but cost money.
- During the winter, ceiling fans should move warm air away from the ceiling and down to the floor, so they need to run at a low speed in a clockwise direction (as you look up at it). The room will be more comfortable and heating costs will be lowered. It costs only about \$2 a month to use ceiling and other fans to circulate air.