



# DIY SMART SAVINGS



Invest in a deluxe battery recharger and ditch disposable batteries. It's more convenient, you'll get better performance, they're earth-friendly, and always on hand.

## **COST**

One-time investment of \$40

## **SAVE**

Up to \$100 per year

## **BONUS**

No recycling needed



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Shorten your dryer vent hose for better efficiency. Disconnect your hose and vacuum it out. Trim the hose length so that it's just long enough for you to pull the dryer a few feet from the wall.

## **COST**

Free!

## **SAVE**

\$25 a year in energy savings

## **BONUS**

Spend 20% less time waiting for dry clothes



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Electronics use the most energy when the item is turned off. Stop phantom energy drains with a smart surge protector. It automatically turns off the power on electronics when not in use.

## **COST**

Free!

## **SAVE**

Up to \$240  
per year in  
energy savings

## **BONUS**

Items that are  
slow to power  
up can stay on



# FURNACE CHECK-UP

Make an appointment to have your furnace or boiler checked out annually for maximum efficiency. In the meantime, vacuum your furnace filter monthly. Dirty filters reduce heat flow.

## COST

\$100-\$150

## SAVE

\$200 in  
energy  
each year

## BONUS

Less major  
repairs & longer  
life of furnace



# DIM THE LIGHTS PLEASE



Install dimmer switches whenever you can. In addition, use energy-efficient halogen or LED light bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs.

## **COST**

About \$10 for each switch

## **SAVE**

\$20 for each light in about 3 years

## **BONUS**

Halogens will last longer over time



# FILTERED WATER ON TAP



Instead of buying plastic water bottles every time you go to the store, think about installing an under-the-sink water filter.

## **COST**

About \$55 for a one-time investment

## **SAVE**

Up to \$360 per year on purified water

## **BONUS**

Reduce the amount of used plastic bottles

# SHADES OF GREEN



Want to reduce your cooling costs by as much as 30%? Plant a deciduous tree on the south, west or east side of your house. Once it matures it will shade your roof.

## **COST**

\$25-\$70  
depending on  
tree choice

## **SAVE**

Up to \$120  
per year on  
air conditioning

## **BONUS**

The winter sun  
will be warm  
after the fall  
leaves drop



# PLEASE WAIT TO BE SEATED



When you wait until fall to purchase new patio furniture, a barbecue grill, or a lawn mower, you can save money. Retailers often mark down inventory to make room for the winter season.

## COST

Making do with what you have

## SAVE

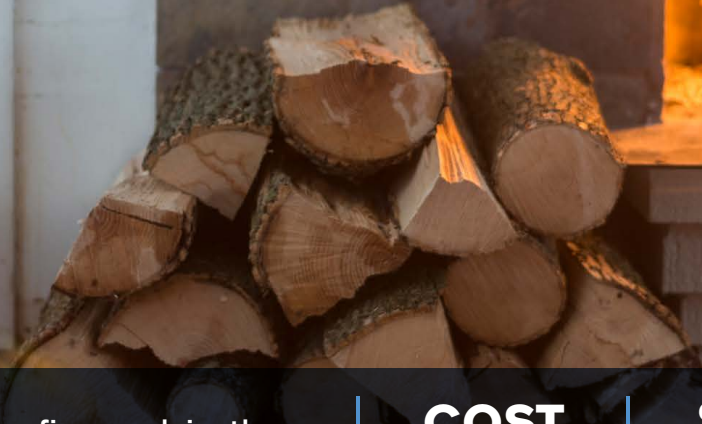
\$150 or more per item

## BONUS

Retailers tend to offer free shipping



# WARM UP FOR WINTER



If you purchase your firewood in the spring, it will be less expensive and the logs will dry out and be ready to burn by the time winter arrives.

## **COST**

Some time stacking wood in a dry spot

## **SAVE**

Up to \$100 per cord of wood

## **BONUS**

No shortage of selection



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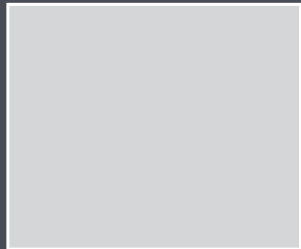
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