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## 2. Use Efficient Lighting

Replace all your light bulbs with compact flourescent lighting. If you live in a 2000 sq. ft. home, in a year's time, you could save 1500 kWh and \$200! These bulbs can last 3-5 years!

## 3. Inspect Your Ducts

Inspect your duct system – cool your home, not your attic. Contact your local utility for information about inspection and duct repairs.



## **4.** Reduce Appliance Use

Extra refrigerators and freezers – are you using them? If they are sitting empty, they may be eating up kilowatts and your money.

Online Home Energy Survey

## 5. Check Your Attic Insulation

Adding some could help on cooling costs. Also check your door's weather stripping.

## D. Waste Not - Watt Not

Turn it off. Whether it's turning off lights, ceiling fans or shutting down your computer when it's not in use, over time, these small efforts can save you big energy dollars.

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