

HOME CARE TIPS

How to keep cool and save money!



Home Energy Savings: Ventilation



Use window draperies or shades to your advantage. In hot climates close the drapes or shades on the east, south, and west windows during the day to prevent the sun's energy from heating the room unnecessarily. The shade or drapery material should be reflective on the side facing the window. In cold climates consider insulated drapes or shades.

Use kitchen, bath and other ventilating fans wisely. In just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of cooled air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done the job. During the summer, fans often bring in excessive moisture. You may want to install a timer switch instead of a manual switch to limit the unnecessary operation of an exhaust fan.

Select energy-efficient equipment when buying heating and cooling equipment. Your heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) contractor should be able to give you energy fact sheets for different types, models and designs to help compare energy usage. Look for high seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER), high annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) ratings and heating seasonal performance factors (HSPF). The national minimums are 13 SEER for air conditioners and 78 percent AFUE for furnaces as of Jan. 23, 2006. Central air conditioners with SEERs of 16 and above are available.

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