



## **You Can Make a Difference in Your Energy Consumption and Lower your Costs at Home**

- **Lighting retrofits**
  - Changing your lights from Halogens to LEDs can improve your ambiance, increase your bulbs longevity and can use up to 80% less energy and the lights have a long life.
- **Clotheslines**
  - Saves money, energy and is gentler on your clothes.
- **Updated Appliances (energy star)**
  - Look for the energy star rating when buying appliances to insure you are buying the most efficient appliances.
  - Did you now that the Federal Liberal government has an energy saving program that now offers 25% off the purchase price of new laundry and dish washing appliances.
- **Insulation; windows, doors and walls**
  - Consider weather stripping and upgrading insulation and vapor barriers - small air leakages in your home can add up to heating and cooling losses.
  - According to the Ontario Save on Energy web site your home could be losing up to a quarter of its heat through your windows.
- **Smart thermostats**
  - Even a few degrees can make a difference in comfort and in savings smart thermostats can streamline this proses.
- **HRV Heat Recovery and Fresh Air Exchange**
  - If you don't have one already give it some thought, especially if you are increasing insulation and vapor barriers.

- **Energy audits**  
-Having a professional inspect your home can help better target inefficiencies in your house.
- **Energy efficiency for weekend homes**  
-Leaving your cottage or house for the season or for a week, tips like turning off your appliances and reducing heating can save.
- **Smart faucets**  
-Using less hot water leads to heating less water, reduces overall water use and lowers pumping costs.
- **Renewables at home**  
-Why pay someone else for your electrical use when you could install a renewable energy system such as solar PV and in the medium to long term have free energy once the system is paid for. Be sure to ask any solar PV contractor for a feasibility and structural assessment before signing any contract.
- **Hot water tank insulation**  
Is a quick and inexpensive way to save water use and energy used for water heating, please consult with experts before insulating your tank
- **On demand heaters**  
Heat only the water you need

Check out the Save On Energy Web site for more details at:  
<https://saveonenergy.ca/For-Your-Home/Help-for-your-Home>