

# **Home Energy Conservation and Energy Assistance Programs**

## ENERGY SAVING TIPS

### Simple Steps to Save \$500 Annually

- Replace two incandescent light bulbs with ENERGY STAR CFLs.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$11*
- Lower your hot water heater's temperature to 120°.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$25*
- Use the right size pot on the stove burner.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$32*
- Turn off lights, TVs and computers when you're not in the room.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$48*
- Replace your old refrigerator with an ENERGY STAR model.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$55*
- Install a programmable thermostat, and use it properly.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$100*
- Get rid of (or unplug) that old fridge in the garage.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$90*
- Wash clothes in cold water.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$52*
- Towel-dry your hair instead of using a blow dryer.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$42*
- Use the air-dry feature on your dishwasher.  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$28*
- Use power strips, and turn them off when not in use to reduce "phantom energy usage."  
*Estimated Annual Savings \$25*

### Simple things to check at the beginning of each heating season:

- Make sure attic hatches are closed as well as crawl and basement access doors.
- Be sure that all windows are in the fully closed position and that any locks are engaged.
- Make sure that fireplace dampers are closed when not in use.
- Follow up after a visit from the "cable guy" (or electrician, plumber, etc.) to make sure insulation was returned to its place and no ducts were disconnected.
- Open heating system registers and move anything covering them, such as carpets or furniture.

### Easy, no-cost things to do:

- Turn your thermostat down when you are away or sleeping.
- Turn water heater temperature down to 120° F.
- Utilize drapes or heavy curtains to your advantage; open them when the sun shines, close them when it doesn't.

- Clean clothes dryer lint traps and dryer outlet pipes; they must exhaust outdoors.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline.

## MORE ENERGY SAVING TIPS

### Easy, low-cost things to do:

- Clean or replace your furnace filter.
- Convert light bulbs to compact fluorescent; replace bulbs in highest use locations first.
- Install shrink-wrap interior storm window kits on leaky windows.
- Plug holes and utility penetrations with “foam in a can.”
- Caulk leaky interior edges along baseboards, window trim, etc.
- Replace broken or missing receptacle and switch covers and install child-proof plugs.

### Moderate cost items that may require a contractor:

- Attic air sealing.
- Attic insulation.
- Exterior wall insulation.
- Furnace cleaning and tune-up.
- Air flow verification for the duct system.
- Duct sealing.

### Moderate cost items for do-it-yourselfers:

- Install a set-back thermostat.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Install a water tank wrap IF you have an older, fiberglass insulated unit.
- Insulate hot water pipes and ducts in unconditioned areas.
- Perform attic air sealing and then add insulation up to R-38.
- Install proper door latches to keep doors closed securely.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program provides financial assistance to low-income households to maintain utility services during the winter heating and summer cooling seasons. The program is implemented through the Community Action Agencies with outreach offices in every county. Heating assistance runs from November 1 to May 31 and cooling assistance runs from June 1 to September 30.

### Home Energy Conservation Assistance Program

The Home Energy Conservation Assistance Program provides comprehensive weatherization services to low-income households. Activities may include, but are not limited to, furnace and water heater health and safety evaluation, repair and replacement; insulation of the attic, sidewalls or other uninsulated areas; and air sealing of the structure. Services are designed to reduce energy consumption and utility costs for heating low-income homes.

### Energy Assistance Income Guidelines

To qualify for energy assistance, a household's annual income cannot exceed 150% of the poverty guidelines. A chart describing the current income maximum allowable per household is available on IHCDAs website, at [www.ichda.in.gov](http://www.ichda.in.gov).



**ACTION Inc. of Delaware County**

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Serves: Delaware and Grant Counties

**Area Five Agency on Aging & Community Services**

1801 Smith Street  
Logansport, IN 46947  
Phone: (574) 722-4451 Fax: (574) 722-3447  
Serves: Cass, Miami, Howard, Tipton and Wabash Counties

**Area IV Agency on Aging & Community Action Programs, Inc.**

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Lafayette, IN 47905  
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**Community Action of East Central Indiana**

1845 W. Main Street / PO Box 1314  
Richmond, IN 47374  
Phone: (765) 966-7733 Fax: (765) 966-6539  
Serves: Wayne, Fayette and Union Counties

**Community Action of Greater Indianapolis**

2445 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208  
Phone: (317) 396-1800 Fax: (317) 396-1527  
Serves: Marion, Boone, Hamilton and Hendricks Counties

**Community Action of Northeast Indiana**

227 E. Washington Blvd. / PO Box 10570  
Fort Wayne, IN 46853  
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Serves: LaGrange, Steuben, Noble, DeKalb, Allen and Whitley Counties

**Community Action of Southern Indiana**

1613 E. 8th Street  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130  
Phone: (812) 288-6451 Fax: (812) 284-8314  
Serves: Harrison, Floyd and Clark Counties

**Community Action Program of Evansville**

27 Pasco Avenue  
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Phone: (812) 425-4241 Fax: (812) 425-4255  
Serves: Gibson, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties

**Community Action Program of Western Indiana**

418 Washington Street / PO Box 188  
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**Community and Family Services, Inc.**

521 S. Wayne Street / PO Box 1087  
Portland, IN 47371  
Phone: (260) 726-9318 Fax: (260) 726-9174  
Serves: Wells, Adams, Jay, Blackford, Randolph and Huntington Counties

**Dubois-Pike-Warrick Economic**

**Opportunity Committee d/b/a TRI-CAP**  
607 Third Avenue / PO Box 729  
Jasper, IN 47547  
Phone: (812) 482-2233 Fax: (812) 482-1071  
Serves: Pike, Dubois and Warrick Counties

**Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corp.**

521 W. Main Street  
Mitchell, IN 47446  
Phone: (812) 849-4457 Fax: (812) 849-4467  
Serves: Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington Counties

**Human Services, Inc.**

1585 Indianapolis Road / PO Box 588  
Columbus, IN 47202  
Phone: (812) 372-8407 Fax: (812) 378-7490  
Serves: Shelby, Johnson, Decatur, Bartholomew and Jackson Counties

**Interlocal Community Action Program**

615 S.R. 38 West / PO Box 449  
New Castle, IN 47362  
Phone: (765) 529-4403 Fax: (765) 593-2510  
Serves: Henry, Hancock and Rush Counties

**JobSource**

222 E. 10th Street, Suite C / PO Box 149  
Anderson, IN 46015  
Phone: (765) 641-6504 Fax: (765) 641-6548  
Serves: Madison County

**Lincoln Hills Development Corporation**

PO Box 336 / 302 Main Street  
Tell City, IN 47586  
Phone: (812) 547-3435 Fax: (812) 547-3466  
Serves: Spencer, Perry and Crawford Counties

**North Central Community Action Agencies**

301 E. 8th Street  
Michigan City, IN 46360  
Phone: (219) 872-0351 Fax: (219) 872-0174  
Serves: Laporte, Starke and Pulaski Counties

**Northwest Indiana Community Action Corp.**

5240 Fountain Drive  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
Phone: (219) 794-1829 Fax: (219) 794-1860  
Serves: Lake, Porter, Newton and Jasper Counties

**Ohio Valley Opportunities, Inc.**

PO Box 1159  
Madison, IN 47250  
Phone: (812) 265-5858 Fax: (812) 265-5850  
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**PACE Community Action Agency, Inc.**

PO Box 687 / 525 N. 4th Street  
Vincennes, IN 47591  
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Serves: Sullivan, Greene, Knox and Daviess Counties

**Real Services, Inc.**

1151 S. Michigan St / PO Box 1835  
South Bend, IN 46634  
Phone: (574) 233-8205 Fax: (574) 284-2642  
Serves: St. Joseph, Marshall, Elkhart, Fulton and Kosciusko Counties

**South Central Community Action Program**

1500 W. 15th Street  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
Phone: (812) 339-3447 Fax: (812) 334-8366  
Serves: Morgan, Owen, Brown and Monroe Counties

**Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corp.**

110 Importing Street / PO Box 240  
Aurora, IN 47001  
Phone: (812) 926-1585 Fax: (812) 926-4475  
Serves: Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland Counties

**Western Indiana Community Action Agency, Inc.**

705 S. 5th Street / PO Box 1018  
Terre Haute, IN 47807  
Phone: (812) 232-1264 Fax: (812) 232-9634  
Serves: Clay, Putnam and Vigo Counties

**Community Action Regions and Contact Information**

If you need home energy conservation assistance or energy assistance please contact the Community Action Agency that serves your county. If you have additional questions please call the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority at 800-872-0371.

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