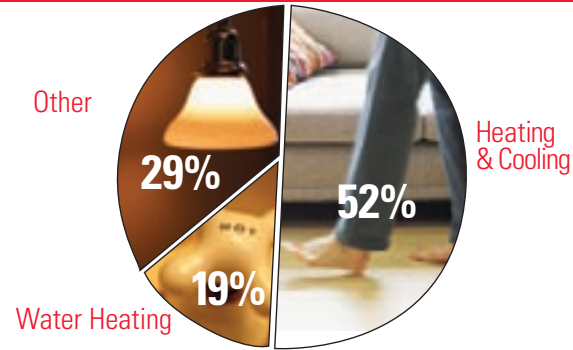




### Knowledge Saves Power



Knowing where your energy dollars go is the first step toward reducing your power bill. The typical household consumes about 70 percent of its energy for heating, cooling and water heating, so monitoring this usage should result in your greatest savings. Knowing how much electricity your appliances use can also help you plan your usage and control your bill. Here are the average costs per month\* to run many common household appliances:

Baby Food Warmer (3 Times/Day)	\$0.23	Lights-(10) 60w bulbs (6 Hrs./Day)	8.32
Blender (6 Times/Wk.)	0.01	Make-up Mirror (1Time/Day)	0.01
Broiler (2 Times/Wk.)	0.54	Microwave Oven (25 Mins./Day)	1.45
Can Opener (3 Times/Day)	0.01	Mixer (15 Mins./Wk.)	0.01
Ceiling Fan (6 Hrs./Day)	1.07	Radio (2 Hrs./Day)	0.08
Clock (Continuous)	0.23	Range with Oven (1 Hr./Day)	6.49
Clothes Dryer (7 Loads/Wk.)	6.34	Refrigerator/Freezer (20 cu. ft. F.F.)	7.86
Clothes Washer (7 Loads/Wk.)	0.69	Shaver (1 Time/Day)	0.01
Coffee Maker (2.5 Hrs./Wk.)	0.91	Slow Cooker (2 Times/Mo.)	0.23
Computer (4 Hrs./Wk.)	0.76	Stereo/Hi-Fi Large (2 Hrs./Day)	0.54
Corn Popper (2 Times/Wk.)	0.15	Television-Color (6 Hrs./Day)	0.15
Curling Iron (1 Time/Day)	0.01	Toaster (2 Times/Day)	0.92
Dishwasher (25 Loads/Mo.)	2.29	Toaster Oven (2 Hrs./Day)	0.15
Disposal (7 Times/Wk.)	0.02	Trash Compactor (14 Mins./Wk.)	0.14
Freezer (16 cu. ft. Frost-Free)	8.24	Vacuum Cleaner (1 Hrs./Wk.)	0.23
Fondue (1 Time/Mo.)	0.07	VCR (6 Hrs./Wk.)	0.08
Heater-Portable (3 Hrs./Wk.)	1.22	Wok (1 Time/Mo.)	0.08
Iron (1 Hr./Wk.)	0.31		

*\*Based on Georgia Power's average residential costs per kilowatt hour (\$.074), typical appliance wattages, reasonable usage pattern assumptions and/or metered data. Actual values will vary based on appliance wattage, family size, appliance efficiency and usage patterns.*



### Budget Billing

With our free Budget Billing program, you can spread your energy costs over an entire year so your bill varies by only a few dollars each month. Every month, we read your meter, average that usage in with your last 12 months and bill accordingly. This helps you budget more predictably, especially during the summer and winter when you use more electricity.

The program works best if you stay with it throughout the year; however, you can discontinue participation at any time. To sign up, contact your local Georgia Power office, or call 1-888-660-5890.

### Frequently Called Numbers

#### Energy Information Services 1-800-524-2421

- Energy Saving Tips
- GoodCents Heating & Cooling and Water Heating

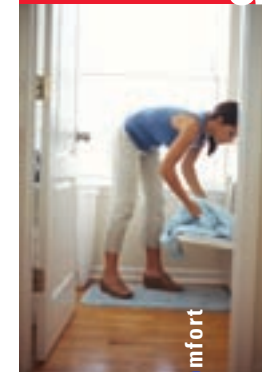
#### Customer Service Center 1-888-660-5890

- Georgia Power Products & Services
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- Lights Out & Hazardous Situations
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- Billing Inquiries



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## saving energy at home

Saving energy at home is not just for someone who owns a house and can do things like add insulation or install storm windows. If you live in a multi-family unit or an apartment, you have many energy-saving options, as well. Using energy efficiently can be important even if utility costs are included in your monthly rent, since keeping utility bills down may help keep rent from going up.

If you are responsible for your own utilities, the following good energy habits can go a long way in controlling those monthly costs.

## some energy saving tips

- In the summer, set your thermostat between 78° and 80°. When you go away from home all day, move it up no more than 5°.
- In the winter, for every degree below 75 that you set your thermostat, you save three percent in heating costs. So, for comfort and savings in the winter, we recommend that you set your thermostat at 68° to 70°.
- Anything that interferes with the delivery or return of air reduces system efficiency and comfort.
- Make sure furniture, curtains, rugs and dust do not block vents and registers.
- If your heating and cooling equipment is in your unit, clean or change the filters once a month. A dirty filter makes your equipment work harder – which will result in higher bills.



- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators – they reduce hot water consumption by 50 percent. And take showers instead of baths – you'll use about half as much water.
- Report leaking faucets to your manager – one drop of water per minute wastes about 60 gallons a week.

- If you have a fireplace, close the damper when there is no fire to prevent air from escaping up the chimney. If the outside temperature is below 45°, we recommend that you do not use your fireplace as a heat source. Otherwise, your fire will draw heated air right up the chimney.
- On winter days, open shades on windows that allow direct sunlight to enter to help heat your home. On summer days, close shades to block the sun's rays.
- In summer, avoid using appliances during the hottest times of the day.
- Wait for a full load before running your dishwasher. And let the dishes dry without heat.
- Wash your clothes – a full load at a time – in warm or cold water and rinse in cold. Use hot water sparingly. And don't use too much detergent. Oversudsing makes your machine work harder.
- Dry clothes in consecutive loads so the dryer doesn't have to reheat every time. Separate loads into heavy and lightweight items for more even drying and remove clothes when they're still slightly damp. Clean the lint filter after each load.
- When cooking, use the range rather than the oven when possible. Match pots and pans to burner size to minimize heat loss. And use lids on your pots to keep in heat.



- Thaw foods well in the refrigerator before cooking.
- Place food in the oven the minute it has preheated and avoid opening the oven door.
- Use pressure cookers and microwaves when possible to save time and energy.
- Use fluorescent light bulbs – they use less energy than incandescent bulbs and last much longer.
- Decorate with light-colored walls, rugs, window treatments and upholstery to reflect light and reduce the need for artificial light.
- Set your refrigerator temperature between 37° and 40° and your freezer at 0°. Vacuum the condenser coils at least every six months.
- Turn off lights, TVs and appliances when not in use.
- Use low-watt light bulbs in areas where bright light is not required.
- If your water heater is in your unit, we recommend that you set the thermostat at 140° if you have a dishwasher and 120° if you do not.



To receive even more energy-saving tips, call 1-800-524-2421, or visit [www.georgiapower.com](http://www.georgiapower.com).