

Ways to Save on Your Next Energy Bill

Want to lower your home energy bills and be more environmentally friendly? Here are 10 simple ways to reduce energy waste, at home and at work:

1. Make the switch to LED

LEDs are a great example of how innovation and technology can make your life easier. They last at least 25 times longer and consume up to 90 percent less electricity than incandescent bulbs.

Tip: By switching five of your home's most frequently used bulbs with ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs, it's possible to save \$75 on energy costs annually.

2. Seal Those Leaks

On average, heating and cooling account for almost half of a home's energy consumption. In fact, all the little leaks can be equivalent to leaving open a 3-foot-by-3-foot window.

Tip: Take simple steps like caulking windows, sealing leaks around chimneys and recessed lighting, and sliding draft guards under your doors to save up to 20% on heating costs.

3. Heat and Cool Efficiently

Don't waste money heating or cooling an empty home. Install a programmable thermostat and in colder weather schedule your home's heat to lower when you are away or asleep, and increase when you are returning home or waking-up. In warm weather, schedule the thermostat to raise the temperature when you are away or asleep, and lower it at other times.

Tip: Follow the U.S. Department of Energy recommended temperatures and be energy-efficient all year.

4. Maintain Your HVAC System

Make sure to clean or change your furnace filters regularly. A dirty furnace filter will slow down air flow, making the system work harder to keep you warm (or cool) and costing you more money.

Tip: Consider getting a winter tune-up. Just as a tune-up for your car can improve your gas mileage, a semi-annual or yearly tune-up of your heating and cooling system can be vital to improve efficiency, saving you money and making your home more comfortable.

5. Look for the ENERGY STAR® Label

ENERGY STAR® labeled windows can cut heating costs by as much as 30% compared to single-pane windows, while increasing indoor comfort and lessening fading of home furnishings.

Tip: If you are undertaking a major home remodel or new build, consider installing ENERGY STAR® qualified HVAC equipment and appliances.

6. Turn the Electronics Off

That sounds easy, but too often we forget and leave electronics plugged in that are not in use.

Tip: Turn off unnecessary/idle lights, appliances and

HEARINGS SET ON NV ENERGY GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION

The PUCN will conduct hearings in October to review evidence in NV Energy's application to increase general rates in Southern Nevada.

Hearings will be livestreamed on the PUCN website.

See the October calendar on page 2 for more info.

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electronics. A power strip can help turn off multiple items at once. (Sometimes the simplest things are really effective!)

7. Winter Tip: Invite the Sun In

It feels like the sun abandons us during the winter, but that doesn't mean we should ignore it during the shorter days.

Tip: Open curtains/shade on your west-and south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and save 2%-12%.

8. Summer Tip: Close Blinds and Shades

This tip is easy to forget, but vital: excess sunlight will make it harder to keep your home cool and comfortable.

Tip: During the day, keep your blinds and shades closed to prevent warm air from building up in your home.

9. Clean Your Clothing Efficiently

That's an easy one. A washing machine spends 90% of its energy to heat water.

Tip: Consider using cold water instead. In addition, try to run full loads as much as possible, because the machine uses roughly the same amount of energy regardless of the load size. Also, consider air-drying.

10. Clean Up Your Dishes Efficiently

If there's one thing that has the power to unite people, it's food. And with food comes dishes to clean. Fear not – there really is a more efficient way to use your dishwasher.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Most meetings are livestreamed between PUCN offices in Carson City & Las Vegas and on the PUCN website.

OCT. 2-3 | HEARING | 10 AM

OCT. 6 | HEARING | 10 AM

OCT. 23-26 | HEARING | 10 AM

Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for authority to adjust its annual revenue requirement for general rates charged to all classes of electric customers and for relief properly related thereto.
DOCKETS 23-06007 & 23-06008

OCT. 17 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

OCT. 31 | REGULAR AGENDA | 10 AM

Visit puc.nv.gov to view the complete PUCN calendar.

Tip: Avoid the "rinse hold" cycle and skip heated drying – simply open the door at the end of the washing cycle and let the dishes air dry!

(Source: energyefficiencyday.org/ways-to-save-on-your-next-energy-bill/)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS FOR NEVADANS

Nevada law requires natural gas and electric utilities to implement conservation plans that include programs and incentives to encourage consumers to conserve energy. These plans must be approved by the PUCN.

Check with your natural gas and electric utilities to see which programs the companies offer to encourage conservation, such as rebates for purchasing high-efficiency appliances and free energy audits for homes and businesses.

NV Energy

nvenergy.com/save-with-powershift

Southwest Gas

swgas.com/en/residential-rebates-and-promotions

Dockets Opened at the PUCN in September 2023

Visit puc.nv.gov/Dockets/Dockets/ to view documents filed in the dockets listed below.

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
23-09001	9/1/2023	Informational Report of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy concerning its natural gas resource planning activities.
23-09002	9/1/2023	Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for acceptance of their 2023 Joint Distributed Resources Plan Update as it relates to their 2022-2041 Joint Integrated Resource Plan.
23-09003	9/1/2023	Joint Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy for acceptance of their Joint Energy Supply Plan Update for 2024.
23-09004	9/5/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and Sunstate Companies, LLC ("Sunstate") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by Sunstate.
23-09005	9/6/2023	Notice by CallWorks Corporation of its intent to request numbering resources for the Las Vegas and Reno rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
23-09006	9/7/2023	Joint Petition of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Wide Voice, LLC for approval of an Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-09007	9/7/2023	Joint Petition of CenturyLink of Nevada, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Wide Voice, LLC for approval of the Carrier Partner for Interconnected VOIP Provider Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-09008	9/8/2023	Joint Petition of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and EarthGrid PBC for approval of an Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
23-09009	9/8/2023	Notice by Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. of Service Catalog updates to add promotion language.
23-09010	9/8/2023	Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed under Advice Letter No. 541 to revise Miscellaneous Charges Schedule No. MC to update fees charged by third party vendors for the credit, debit, electronic check, and ACH payment options.
23-09011	9/8/2023	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy filed under Advice Letter No. 667-E to revise Miscellaneous Charges Schedule No. MC to update fees charged by third party vendors for the credit, debit, electronic check, and ACH payment options.
23-09012	9/15/2023	Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for authority to increase its retail natural gas utility service rates for Southern and Northern Nevada.
23-09014	9/15/2023	Application of Steamboat Springs Water Works, Inc. for authority to modify Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 912 Sub 2 to expand its water service territory to include a single-family residential property owned by Leslie Land Co. LLC in Washoe County, Nevada.
23-09015	9/14/2023	Application of Great Basin Water Co. for authority to establish a system improvement rate in the Pahrump Division for an eligible project designated by the Commission in Docket No. 18-03005 and for other relief properly related thereto.
23-09016	9/20/2023	Application of Barr Tell USA, LLC for authority to operate as a competitive supplier of telecommunication service within the State of Nevada.
23-09017	9/27/2023	Registration of NatWireless, LLC d/b/a National Wireless as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
23-09019	9/21/2023	Registration of MVNO Connect LLC as a commercial mobile radio service provider.
23-09020	9/22/2023	Notice by GridLiance West LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Johnnie Corner to Beatty Transmission Line Upgrade Project consisting of approximately 57.7 miles of up to 500 kV transmission line, five new switchyards, and associated facilities to be located on private land and approximately 1,827 acres of federally-managed land in Nye County, Nevada.
23-09021	9/26/2023	Notice by NUSO, LLC of its intent to request numbering resources for the Las Vegas rate center from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
23-09022	9/27/2023	Notice by Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale of revisions to its Guidebook to reflect updated exchange area boundaries.
23-09023	9/27/2023	Joint Petition of the Regulatory Operations Staff and VersaGrade, Inc. ("VersaGrade") requesting the Commission accept a stipulation regarding violations of Nevada's One Call Law by VersaGrade.
23-09025	9/28/2023	Joint Petition of Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale, AT&T Corp., Teleport Communications America, LLC, BullsEye Telecom, Inc., Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, Granite Telecommunications, LLC, and Peerless Network of Nevada, LLC for approval of Amendments to their Interconnection and/or Resale Agreements pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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