

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Help For Heating Bills

(NAPSA)—Your next heating bill does not have to take you by surprise. Even though energy prices have gone up, it's possible to stay in control of your home's energy use. And your electric utility company can help.



Lowering your thermostat a little can do a lot to reduce your winter heating costs.

Contact the company, or check out its Web site. It has free advice that can help you get more value for your energy dollar. And on behalf of the nation's electric utility companies, Edison Electric Institute created a free booklet, "More Than 100 Ways to Improve Your Electric Bill."

One simple tip is to lower your thermostat to 68 degrees when you're home and 60 degrees overnight or when you're gone. For each degree you turn down your thermostat, you can save 3 percent on your heating bill.

The new booklet also has information about federal tax credits you can earn while you save energy. The tax credits apply to a range of products and high-efficiency appliances. To download your free booklet, visit www.eei.org.