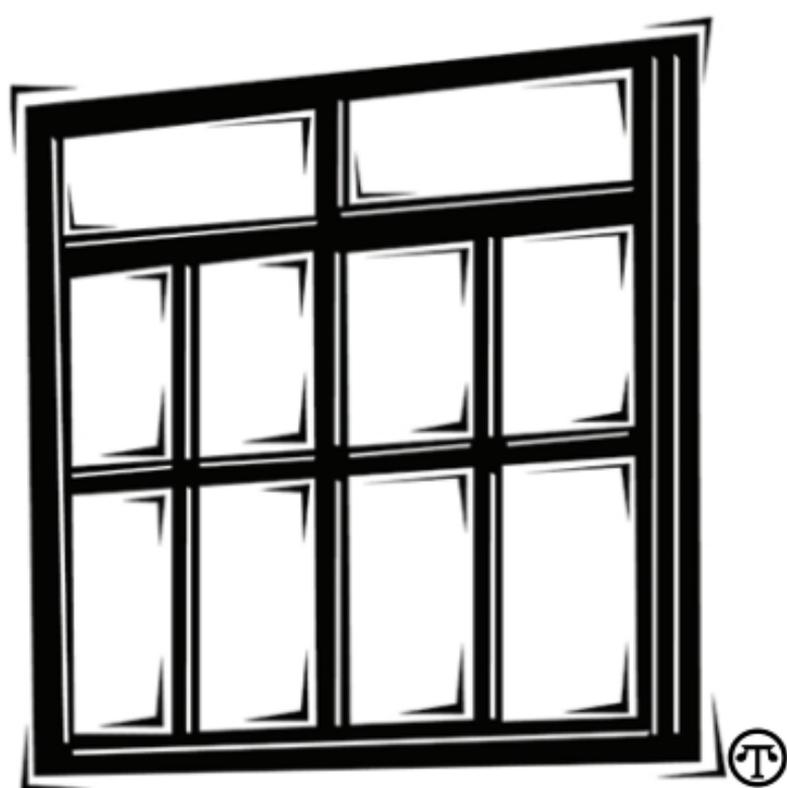

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Simple Tips To Save Energy

(NAPSA)—Home energy bills are expected to rise this winter, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Yet you can do a lot to keep costs down. And your electric utility company can help. It has free advice that can make your energy savings really add up.



Caulk and weatherstrip windows and doors to save up to 6 percent on heating costs.

Start by keeping the cold air outside. Seal up leaks around windows, doors, pipes or other openings in your home. Next, make sure your furnace or heat pump is working properly. Clean the air filter every month. Arrange your furniture and draperies so they don't block heating vents, radiators or hot-water baseboard units.

Now, set the thermostat at 68 degrees when you're home, and 60 degrees when no one is home or during the overnight hours. Set your water heater temperature at 120 degrees. Use low-flow showerheads and faucets. Wash and dry full loads of clothes.

For more energy saving information, check out your electric utility's Web site or visit Edison Electric Institute at www.eei.org.