



Get Your Home Ready for Fall 🍂

As temperatures begin to drop and the days get shorter, fall is the perfect time to give your home a quick energy checkup. A few simple changes now can help keep your home comfortable, prepare your heating system for the colder months and help you manage your energy use.



🔥 Give Your Heating System a Head Start

Your heating system will soon be working harder, so fall is a great time to make sure it's ready.

- **Replace your furnace filter.** A dirty filter can make your heating system work harder and reduce efficiency.
- **Schedule a seasonal tune-up.** Having your heating system inspected before winter can help identify potential problems early.
- **Keep vents clear.** Make sure furniture, rugs and other items aren't blocking your home's heating vents.
- **Consider a smart thermostat.** A programmable or smart thermostat can automatically adjust your home's temperature when you're asleep or away.



🏠 Keep the Warm Air Inside

Small gaps around your home can allow heated air to escape and outdoor air to sneak in.

Take a walk around your home and check for drafts around:

- Windows and doors
- Baseboards
- Attic access points
- Electrical outlets
- Exterior walls

Weatherstripping and caulk can be simple, low-cost ways to seal some of these areas and improve your home's comfort.

☀️ Let the Sun Help Heat Your Home

Take advantage of natural warmth during sunny fall and winter days. Open curtains and blinds when the sun is shining to allow sunlight to naturally warm your rooms. Once the sun goes down, close them to help keep the warmth inside.

💡 Make a Few Small Energy-Saving Changes

Fall is also a good time to rethink everyday energy habits:

- **Switch to LED lighting.** LED bulbs use less energy and last longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.
- **Unplug what you don't use.** Electronics can continue drawing power even when they're turned off. Use a power strip to make it easier to switch off multiple devices at once.
- **Use appliances strategically.** When possible, use heat-producing appliances such as your oven, dryer and dishwasher during cooler parts of the day.
- **Lower the thermostat when you're away or asleep.** Even small temperature adjustments can reduce the amount of energy your home uses for heating.

🍁 Don't Forget the Outside

Before winter arrives, take a few minutes to inspect the exterior of your home. Clear leaves and debris from gutters, check for damaged areas around windows and doors, and make sure outdoor equipment is properly stored.

Taking care of these tasks now can help you avoid bigger problems when snow, ice and freezing temperatures arrive.

Your Fall Energy Checklist

- ☐ Replace or clean your furnace filter
- ☐ Check windows and doors for drafts
- ☐ Schedule a heating-system tune-up
- ☐ Adjust your thermostat schedule
- ☐ Switch frequently used bulbs to LEDs
- ☐ Check and clear gutters
- ☐ Inspect your home's exterior
- ☐ Unplug electronics you aren't using

A little preparation this fall can go a long way toward keeping your home comfortable and energy-conscious throughout the winter.

Visit [MC2 Energy Services](#) for more energy information, resources and tips to help you make informed choices about your home's energy use.

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