



THE CONSERVATION ZONE Energy efficiency

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Get the right tools for the job

Crisp mornings, foggy windshields, falling leaves – and the job jar. Fall has definitely arrived!

In the coming weeks, you'll probably find yourself fixing leaky faucets, installing weather-stripping, raking leaves, or putting a fresh coat of paint in the living room. And this likely means a trip to the store to pick up the right tool for the job.

As Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation Officer, I'd like to see each Ontario household add one more job to the jar this fall: improving your home's energy efficiency. The Ontario Power Authority and your local electricity company will help you choose the right tools.

Since households use electricity differently, the right tools for your household might not be the best ones for your neighbour. *The Every Kilowatt Counts* energy savings campaign will provide all Ontario households with information and coupons redeemable at more than 3,000 stores across the province to put the right tools in your hands to control your electricity use.

Watch for the *Every Kilowatt Counts* brochure in the mail. It contains more than \$35 in savings on these energy efficiency tools:

ENERGY STAR® qualified Compact Fluorescent Lights Bulbs consume 75 % less electricity than regular incandescent bulbs. A typical house has 30 light bulbs that together consume about \$200 in electricity each year. Replacing five incandescent bulbs with CFLs will save around \$30 each year.

Seasonal LED lights use 95% less energy than standard mini-lights: a 70-light string of incandescent bulbs costs \$7.70 over 200 hours while an LED string costs just 8 cents!

Dimmer switches set the mood, help you use less electricity and extend the life of your bulbs.

Programmable Thermostats allow you to program your furnace to warm the house when you arrive home for the evening, and set back to a cooler temperature when you're asleep or away. 20° Celsius is comfortable for when you're home and 18° Celsius when you're asleep or away. And they work with your A/C in the summer, too!

Baseboard Programmable Thermostats work for homes, condos or apartments that have electric baseboard heaters.

Motion detectors give you the convenience of having the lights turn on automatically when you walk into a room or up to the front porch and shut off when you leave. Great for rooms where the kids play – no more nagging to get them to turn out the lights!

Every kilowatt really does count.

Choosing the products that are right for your home could save you up to 10 per cent on your electricity bill and will help Ontario meet its energy supply challenge. For more information, call 1-866-859-9898 or visit www.conservationbureau.on.ca