



WHERE CHICAGO COMES TO TALK



Get green with the Citizens Utility Board

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has been fighting for Illinois consumers for more than 25 years. Now they are bringing WLS listeners some “green tips” that will also save them cold, hard cash.

1. **Switch to CFLs.** These energy-saving bulbs use 75% less energy than traditional light bulbs, and each CFL can cut your electric bill by up to \$10 a year. [Take CUB’s CFL pledge](#), install at least 1 CFL, and enter a chance to win 10,000 free bulbs for your community.

2. **Buy super-efficient Energy Star appliances.** They can cut bills by up to 30%.

3. **Install a programmable thermostat.** In the winter, set your thermostat a few degrees cooler when you are not home. You can shave off 1-2% of your energy bill for every degree you lower the temperature for at least 8 hours.

4. **Weather-proof your home.** Seal and fill leaks with weather stripping and caulking to prevent cold air from entering your home.

5. **Reduce hot water temperature.** Set your water heater to the “normal” setting or 120 degrees F

6. **Use sunlight wisely.** During the heating season, leave shades and blinds open on sunny days, but close them at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows. Close shades and blinds during the summer or when the air conditioner is in use or will be in use later in the day.

For more of CUB’s green, money-saving tips, visit [here](#).

For more information on the Citizens Utility Board, visit www.citizensutilityboard.org.

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Resource Center

How does electricity affect the environment?

Find out what your impact is on the environment. Developed by the EPA the personal emissions calculator is designed to help individuals (and households) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and take action.



FAQ.

Frequently Asked Questions

Glossary of Terms

Who can become EPA Green Power Partner?

- All organizations are welcome to join the Green Power Partnership, except electricity suppliers or providers of green power products. Eligible organizations include those that are public, private and non-profit.



Widget Center

Web Applications

Green Product Search SustainLane green product search allows your site visitors to search for green products and read reviews. Users can search by product brand, product name or just say what they are looking for (example: "organic soap", "tile cleaner").



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