Smart energy use today could mean savings for you tomorrow.



# **Maximize Your Energy Savings**

# Here are some helpful **ENERGY SAVING TIPS**

- Close blinds or use blackout curtains or reflective films during the hottest parts of the day to reduce heat gain.
- ✓ Caulk and weather strip windows and doors.
- ✓ Set ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise in summer and use portable fans to circulate air, making rooms feel cooler and reducing the need for AC.
- ✓ Fix leaky air ducts with mastic or tape.
- ✓ Set thermostats comfortably high in the summer. Consider installing a programmable thermostat.
- Check dampers in unused fireplaces and close them if they are open.
- Check the temperature on your water heater and set it to Warm or Low, never more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Wash full loads of laundry in cold water, using specially formulated cold-water detergents. Run dishwashers and laundry machines at night or early morning.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label when buying new appliances.



#### **Customer Choice**

This program allows customers to purchase natural gas from a licensed energy supply company of their choice, or from Washington Gas. Participation is voluntary and could result in savings. To learn more, visit washingtongas.com, select Services and then click on Customer Choice under Current Customers

#### **Budget Plan**

Tired of high winter heating bills? Spread the cost of your bill and enjoy predictable monthly payments all year long. To enroll visit: washingtongas.com/budgetbilling

#### **Energy Efficiency**

Savings for Residential Customers. Washington Gas offers a variety of Energy Efficiency Programs for Maryland and Virginia customers. These programs include rebates on select equipment, free energy conservation kits, income-qualifying programs and more! Visit washingtongas.com to apply today!

#### **Helpful Energy Resources**

Alliance to Save Energy: **ase.org**U.S. Department of Energy: **energy.gov** 

### **Energy Assistance**

If you are having trouble paying your gas bill, visit **washingtongas.com/assistance** for information on various programs that can assist qualified customers with paying their heating bills.

## **Government Energy Assistance**

Call your state agency for eligibility requirements.

D.C. Energy Hotline: 311 | doee.dc.gov

Maryland Department of Human Resources 800-352-1446

dhr.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs

**Virginia Department of Social Services** 

211 or 800-230-6977

211 virginia.org or www.dss.virginia.gov

Washington Gas: 844-WASHGAS (844-927-4427) washingtongas.com

If You Smell Gas: Evacuate area immediately and call 911 and then call 844-WASHGAS (844-927-4427)



