

SPRING & SUMMER CHECKLIST

With the change of seasons comes the opportunity to make some changes around your home. With these low-cost and no cost energy saving tips, you'll be set up for a comfortable and energy efficient spring and summer.

- ❑ **Flip the baseboard switch.** If possible, make sure all baseboard heaters are "off" at the circuit breaker in your electrical panel. This way, you'll avoid unnecessarily heating rooms.
- ❑ **Follow good window etiquette.** When the weather outside gets hot and humid, keep your windows closed during the day and open at night to keep your home comfortable.
- ❑ **Draft proof your windows.** Draft proofing your windows doesn't just keep the cold out – it keeps the heat out too. Sealing gaps and cracks helps block the warm air from sneaking through, keeping your home cool through the summer.
- ❑ **Use the clothesline or a drying rack.** Not only will you save money and help the environment, but your clothes will last longer without going through the dryer. *Plus – you just can't beat the fresh air smell from a clothesline!*
- ❑ **Switch to a programmable thermostat.** Install a programmable thermostat to help manage your cooling through the day and while you're sleeping or away for consistent energy savings.

Trying out even a couple of these ideas can start you off on the right foot for a greener spring and summer. For more information about how you can save energy and save money, [visit saveenergy.nb.ca](http://saveenergy.nb.ca).



- ❑ **Switch to LED light bulbs.** The average home has over 25 bulbs. Make a habit of replacing lights with LED bulbs when they burn out – the savings will add up over time.
- ❑ **Get smart about water usage.** Install water efficient shower heads and faucet aerators. *A water-efficient showerhead uses about 50% less water but maintains the same pressure!*
- ❑ **Unplugging isn't just for camping trips.** You can make it a household "to do" any time! If you're not using your small appliances – unplug them. If your phone or tablet is fully charged unplug it so it will stop drawing energy. *This is an easy way to save energy.*
- ❑ **Invest in some smart plugs or smart power strips** – they can cut the energy to devices that are on standby, saving you the trouble of unplugging the TV and gaming system every time you're not using them.

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