

**Giving you the power to use less and save more.**

As a renter, you have many options for saving energy in your home—and it’s never been easier! BGE offers a host of empowering choices to help you conserve energy, save money, and protect the environment.

**Quick Home Energy Check-up (“Check-up”). Get started now!**

A Check-up Professional will perform a one-hour walk-through of your home and assess its insulation levels, heating and cooling systems, windows, doors, lighting, and appliances.

You will receive a checklist summarizing recommended improvements and opportunities to reduce your energy usage and costs while improving the comfort of your home—all for a nominal fee of \$40. If you allow your Check-up Professional to install at least three of the following five energy-saving measures, the \$40 Check-up fee, and the cost of the energy-saving measures<sup>1</sup> and their installation, will be waived:

- 1 Six compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- 2 Two faucet aerators
- 3 Efficient-flow showerhead
- 4 Pipe insulation (installed on hot and cold pipes from water heater for six feet)
- 5 Water heater tank wrap (eligibility requirements apply)

**Renter’s Certification:** To participate in this program, you must certify that you have consent from the landlord or homeowner for the receipt of the Quick Home Energy Check-up and associated direct installation of measures.

**Lighting discounts. What a bright idea!**

BGE is offering discounts up to \$2.50 on ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and \$10 on light fixtures. Compared to standard incandescent light bulbs, CFLs use about 75 percent less energy and last up to 10 times longer! Replacing a standard bulb with a CFL can save up to \$65 during the bulb’s lifetime. To find a participating retailer, or to learn about recycling your old CFLs, visit **BGESmartEnergy.com**.

<sup>1</sup> If your home doesn’t require one of the energy-saving measures offered during the Check-up, or it cannot be installed, an additional four CFL bulbs can be substituted as a ‘trade-out’ measure.

**PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup> Air Conditioning (A/C) Program. Energy savings at its Peak.**

If you have central air conditioning or an electric heat pump in good working order, you can get:

- A programmable thermostat or an outdoor air conditioner switch professionally installed at your home.
  - **Choices.** Choose 50, 75 or 100 percent cycling and get \$50, \$75 or \$100 credits on your BGE bills each summer you participate.
  - **Matching bonus**, which doubles your credits during the first year of participation.
  - **If you choose the programmable thermostat**, you can save up to \$1,790 over the next five years.
  - **Online Access.** Access your thermostat(s) or switch(es) 24/7 with PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup> Online Access.
- To participate in the PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup> A/C program, you must have permission from your landlord.

**PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup> 5-Year Thermostat Savings**

	50% cycling	75% cycling	100% cycling
Year 1 total bill credits & bonus	\$100	\$150	\$200
Year 2 total bill credits	\$50	\$75	\$100
Year 3 total bill credits	\$50	\$75	\$100
Year 4 total bill credits	\$50	\$75	\$100
Year 5 total bill credits	\$50	\$75	\$100
Sub Total	\$300	\$450	\$600
Thermostat & Install No out-of-pocket expense	\$290	\$290	\$290
Thermostat Energy Savings*	\$900	\$900	\$900
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$1490</b>	<b>\$1640</b>	<b>\$1790</b>

*Bill credits are paid June-July-August-September. The value of the thermostat and installation varies according to market pricing. \*Savings vary and \$900 is based on average of \$180 per year over five years.*

## Energy-Saving Tips for Renters\*

- 1 Check your refrigerator's temperature. If it is lower than 37–40 degrees Fahrenheit (°F), you're wasting money. To check the temperature, put a thermometer in a glass of water in the center of the refrigerator and read after 24 hours.
- 2 Replace your five most frequently used light fixtures or light bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified fixtures or compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) to save more than \$65 a year.
- 3 Unplug electronics such as computers, TVs, DVD players and stereos when not in use. Or, use a powerstrip and switch them all off at once. This type of equipment accounts for 15 percent of household electricity use and uses energy even when switched off.
- 4 Wash laundry in cold water whenever possible. Hot water heating accounts for about 90 percent of the energy your machine uses to wash clothes. Also, turn your water heater thermostat down to 120°F. However, if you have an older model dishwasher, set the thermostat to 140°F.
- 5 Clean the dryer lint filter after every load. Clogged filters drive up drying costs.
- 6 Match the size of your pot to the burner when cooking. A 6-inch pot on an 8-inch burner wastes more than 40 percent of the burner's heat.
- 7 Use lids when cooking. They help the food cook more quickly by keeping the steam in the pot or pan.
- 8 Turn off ceiling fans when you are not in the room. The fans cool you, not the air. Do the same for space heaters in the winter. Also, reverse the ceiling fan motor in the summer, and change it back in the winter.
- 9 When your fireplace is not being used, be sure to keep the damper closed to prevent conditioned air from leaking out. Just remember to open it before starting a fire.
- 10 During the winter, for systems other than heat pumps, set your thermostat at 68°F or lower during the day and 65°F at night. Set the thermostat at 78°F or higher during the summer months. If you have central air conditioning, for every degree you raise your thermostat setting above 72°F, you will save about 5-7% on cooling costs. If you have a heat pump, check the filter each month. Clean and replace as needed to save on heating costs.

## Online Energy Calculator. See how your energy use adds up!

You can use the Online Energy Calculator at [BGESmartEnergy.com](http://BGESmartEnergy.com) to build a virtual model of your home and identify ways to save energy. Input data such as square footage, number of occupants, water heater type, average heating and cooling settings, and more. If you enter your account number, the calculator will use gas and electric consumption data from your billing records, and compare it to that of similar homes in BGE's service area. Even better, the calculator can give you tips on how to save more energy and money.

## Energize your energy efficiency.

Learn more about the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program<sup>SM</sup> at [BGESmartEnergy.com](http://BGESmartEnergy.com) or by calling **877.685.SESP (7377)** today. For PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup>, call **888.309.PEAK (7325)**.

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