

# Energy Efficiency

## What you need to know!

It's easy to lower your energy use in your apartment and save some cash on your monthly utility bill! Follow the tips to the right and use the links below for more ideas. Even if you don't pay your utility bill, it's still good for the environment!

## Resources

[www.lexingtonky.gov/energy](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/energy)

[www.bgPRIDE.org/energyefficiency.htm](http://www.bgPRIDE.org/energyefficiency.htm)

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

[www.simplesavings.coop](http://www.simplesavings.coop)

[lexingtonky.mygreenquest.com](http://lexingtonky.mygreenquest.com)



## Tips for you!

Track your energy, water, and gas usage with GreenQuest software for FREE at [lexingtonky.mygreenquest.com](http://lexingtonky.mygreenquest.com)

Change light bulbs to ENERGY STAR rated Compact Fluorescent bulbs (CFL) and be sure to recycle them properly ([www.bgpride.org/CFLRecycling.htm](http://www.bgpride.org/CFLRecycling.htm))

Borrow one of Bluegrass PRIDE's home energy kits

Make sure your fireplace damper is closed when not in use

Only use ceiling fans when in the room

Use window treatments to block out the sun in the summer and let it in the winter.

Utilize space heaters correctly and efficiently. Follow the Simple Savings recommendations at [www.bgPRIDE.org/spaceheaters.htm](http://www.bgPRIDE.org/spaceheaters.htm)

Connect electronic equipment to power strips & turn off when not in use (i.e. computers, DVD players)

Enable power management features on your home computer and monitor

Unplug any battery chargers and power adapters when not in use (like your cell phone charger!)

Use a thermometer to adjust your refrigerator's temperature to stay at 37°

If possible, turn the dryer option to off on your dishwasher. If not possible, catch the dishwasher before it begins drying, prop open the door and let dishes air dry

Keep air registers, returns, and doors open and clear in your apartment



Keep your hot water heater at 120°

Don't over dry your clothes and clean the lint trap before every load



For more information, log on to [www.lexingtonky.gov/energy](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/energy) or [www.bgPRIDE.org/energyefficiency.htm](http://www.bgPRIDE.org/energyefficiency.htm)

