

5 energy efficient gifts for the holidays

Here's a list of gifts for your energy-conscious loved ones

1. Programmable thermostat –

Install and set a schedule

Homeowners can save about \$180 a year by properly setting their programmable thermostats and maintaining those settings.



2. Air filters – Buy one or a set of four to last all year!

Check your filter every month, especially during heavy use months (winter and summer). If the filter looks dirty after a month, change it. At a minimum, change the filter every three months.



3. LED lights – Switch to LEDs

LEDs can be up to 90 percent more energy efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs and last up to 25 times longer. By replacing your home's five most frequently used light fixtures with ENERGY STAR® certified bulbs, you can save around \$70 each year on your energy bill.



4. Fireplace insert – Maximizing heat

If you know someone that has a fireplace, you can greatly improve the efficiency by installing tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room.



5. Duct sealant or metal tape – Sealing ductwork

Check ductwork for air leaks, especially at joints. Start by sealing air leaks using mastic sealant or metal tape and insulating all the ducts that you can access (such as those in attics, crawlspaces, unfinished basements, and garages).



A longer billing cycle can increase your energy bill

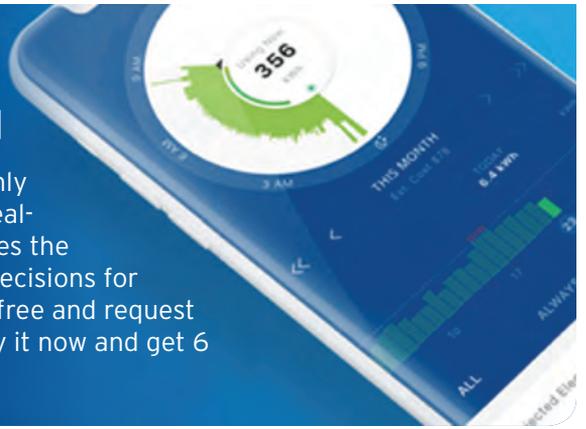
The holiday season means time with family and friends and changes to work schedules. To allow our employees to enjoy the season with loved ones, we adjust our billing cycles to account for holidays. As a result, your bill next month will likely include a few extra days of usage. Take control of your energy use at dteenergy.com/staywarm



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