Using Energy Efficiency Opportunities to Decrease Clients’ Spending

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Mission

Faith in Place empowers Illinois people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the Earth, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.
Energy Poverty

Low income households fall into “energy poverty”, which is typically recognized when someone spends 10% of their income on energy related expenses.

The lower the income the worse the problem.
• Energy Audits & Retrofits
• Smart Energy Workshops
• Free Energy Saving Programs
Putting the power to save in your hands.

Lower your energy bills with energy efficiency rebates, incentives and programs.

Learn More
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**Peak Time Rewards**
- Opt in
- No risk, no penalty
- Decrease your usage on a “peak day”, get a credit on your bill
- [https://peaktimerewards.com/](https://peaktimerewards.com/)

**Power Smart Pricing**
- Opt in
- Hourly pricing program
- You pay actual market prices for your electricity
- If you can shift your usage to off-peak hours, you can save $$$
- [https://www.powersmartpricing.org/](https://www.powersmartpricing.org/)
## Ameren Home Efficiency Program
### Income Requirements

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### Counties Served by Income-Qualified program

- Adams
- Brown
- Champaign
- Christian
- Franklin
- Greene
- Hancock
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Jersey
- Logan
- Macon
- Macoupin

- Madison
- McDonough
- Montgomery
- Peoria
- Perry
- Saint Clair
- Schuyler
- Tazewell
- Vermillion
- Washington
- Williamson
- Woodford
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Com Ed Home Efficiency Programs

• You’ll receive a FREE personalized energy assessment and FREE energy-saving products with installation. FREE products may include: Programmable thermostats, ENERGY STAR® certified CFLs, smart power strips, WaterSense® certified showerheads, faucet aerators and hot water pipe insulation.

• Smart thermostats and ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs are also available for purchase at a discount and include FREE installation.

• For more information about Residential and Multi-Family opportunities, visit peoplesgasrebates.com, northshoregasrebates.com or ComEd.com/Assessment.
10 Tips to Save Energy

1. Use your thermostat.
   Turning the temperature up by just a few degrees during the summer and turning it down during the winter are great strategies for putting your thermostat to work for your wallet.

2. Adapt to the temperature.
   Wearing a sweater at home during cold months and closing the shades against the sun during summer months will add to your comfort and savings.

3. Close unused air vents.
   If you have central air, you can close vents in rooms you’re not using so that you’re not paying to cool them.

4. Use the right bulb.
   Make sure you’re using the appropriate CFL/LED bulbs for your light fixtures — they come in various sizes and types for different lighting needs.

5. Set your computer to sleep or hibernation mode.
   Set your computer to sleep or hibernate so that it uses less electricity during periods of inactivity. Turn it off to save even more.

6. Unplug electronics & chargers.
   Many chargers draw power continuously, even when the device is fully charged or not plugged into the charger. Also consider purchasing a smart energy strip, turn it off to cut power to ‘ghosting’ energy on TVs or infrequently used electronic devices.

7. Always wash your clothes in cold water.
   Laundry detergent works just as well, and your energy savings could be as much as 40 cents per load.

8. Reduce your water heater temperature.
   Adjusting the temperature from 140 degrees to 120 degrees will save you money, reduce scaling risks, and prolong the life of your water heater, while keeping water hot enough for showers and cleaning dishes.

   If you have ceiling fans in your house, use them properly. Fans should run counter clockwise in the summer and clockwise in the winter. Fans cool people, not turn off in unoccupied rooms.

10. Turn off your water heater while you’re away.
    If you plan on leaving home for several days, turn off or turn down your water heater and start it up again when you return. Most models will raise the water to the set temperature in about an hour.

Contact Faith in Place for more information on how to save and to learn more about various energy efficiency programs.

If you are interested in setting up a house of worship involved, please email lorena@faithinplace.org, or call us at 312.733.4540 ext. 117.

For more information, visit www.faithinplace.org

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Email online for free tools that can save you money on your energy use.
https://www.cubanewenergy.com/teams/faithinplace
Comfort Measures

• Electric blanket
• Heating pad
• Seasonal cooking choices: crock pot or oven
• Clothesline
• Using windows effectively
Help is available...

Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1556

IL Weatherization Assistance Program
https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1850
Help us connect you with the right information!

I am interested in learning more about Faith in Place's programs in regards to:

Energy & Climate Change:
- [ ] How to save money with a peak time rebate
- [ ] Reducing energy usage and cost with hourly pricing
- [ ] Free Energy Assessments & Energy-Saving Products for your Home and/or House of Worship

Sustainable Food & Land Use:
- [ ] Nature Outings
- [ ] Community Gardens
- [ ] Winter Farmers Markets

Water Preservation:
- [ ] Interfaith Water Curriculum
- [ ] Start a Green Team/Learn More

Advocacy:
- [ ] Faithful Citizen Workshops
- [ ] Lobby Day in Springfield

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