Facts about Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency upgrades can save you $700 on average, every single year.

Energy efficiency upgrades not only save $$, they help to clean our air.

Jobs in New York’s clean energy sector have increased 50% in the last ten years, while job growth for the rest of our economy has been just 1.4%.

Efficiency efforts have kept 8.4 million tons of pollution out of the air -- the equivalent of taking 1.8 million cars off the road.

Energy efficient lightbulbs use 90% less energy & last longer.

30,000 Energy audits performed through the Green Jobs, Green New York program.
5 Steps to Serious Savings

Let the sun shine in! Open up curtains & shades during the day instead of turning on the lights.

Fill it up! Run full loads when you wash clothing or dishes. Running a partial load uses the same amount of energy as a full load with less to show for it.

The big freeze? Make sure your fridge is set between 36° F and 42° F, and freezer between -5° F and +6° F. Anything else is a waste of electricity, and not good for your food.

Don’t be a creep! Almost 20% of energy used to heat or cool a home creeps out. Use a draft stopper for doors and weather stripping or caulk to seal up drafty windows.

Keep it fresh. Clean or replace air filters on exhaust hoods, humidifiers, furnaces, vacuums, etc. Clogged filters impair performance, waste electricity, and are a safety hazard.

Q What is an energy audit?
A It is the first step in making your home more energy efficient. Whether you hire a contractor, or research online and do it yourself, it will help develop your game plan for cutting energy use and saving money.

You may be eligible for a free or low-cost audit at www.stars.nyserdagreeeny.org.

Q What’s on-bill financing?
A The state offers favorable loans for home energy efficiency projects.

On-bill financing allows you to have your loan payments affordably built into your utility bill. It helps you repay the loan without a major increase in monthly expenses.


Get an energy audit and learn how you are using energy, and where you can easily make cuts.

Insulate attic & around openings: the savings in the long run will make you feel all warm and cozy inside.

Insulate exposed water pipes with 1/2” foam or pipe tape the 5’ closest to your water heater.

Install water saving devices on your toilets, showerheads, and faucets.

Get the right fit whenever you plan to buy new appliances. Having a fridge, freezer or water heater that does more work than you need costs more up front and over the long run.