

SPRING IS IN THE AIR, AND IT HAS A REMINDER FOR YOU.

Ready to tackle your spring cleaning? Make your efforts count twice by combining your cleanup with simple energy and water-saving moves. As you dust and declutter, these practical tips will help lower your utility bills while creating a more comfortable home. Use this checklist to get started on easy and substantive measures to save energy and water around the home.



ENERGY TIPS



Replace or clean your A/C unit filter and use a programmable thermostat.



In hot weather, close curtains during the day to keep heat out. In cold weather, open curtains during the day for warmth and natural light, and close them at night to retain heat.



Use fans to move air around you and turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room.



Upgrade your attic insulation and weather-strip doors and windows for year-round comfort.



Avoid placing lamps or tv sets near a room air-conditioning thermostat.



Clean air vents regularly to maximize air flow and do not block air vents with furniture or other large objects.



Switch to an efficient electric heat pump water heater at cityofpaloalto.org/switch. If you've already switched, check and clean your filter regularly to keep it running efficiently.



WATER TIPS



Adjust your irrigation timer to stop watering when rain is in the forecast.



Get a free survey of your irrigation system from Valley Water with recommendations for repairs, replacements, and upgrades.



Check your home for leaks. Log into WaterSmart for advice on how to find and fix common leaks.



Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when they're full.



Scrape food scraps into the compost bin instead of rinsing dishes before loading them into the dishwasher.



Collect shower water in a bucket as it heats up. Use it to water your plants or wash your dishes.



Install a Graywater Laundry-to-Landscape System to irrigate your landscape sustainably.

Find more energy and water-saving tips and available rebates at

cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips



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