Top Ten Resources

Quick Home Energy Check-Up

Offered for free by BGE, this service will give you free CFLs and other upgrades, as well as home energy advice. Schedule your visit today by calling 1-877-685-7377.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

For income-qualifying residents, WAP may be able to make your home more energy efficient with a variety of upgrades, all for free. Call 311 for more details.

BGE Limited Income Energy Efficiency Program

If you qualify for other energy assistance programs, you may be eligible for a range of free home energy improvements. Call 1-877-685-7377.

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning

The Coalition provides home health information and for qualifying residents, free home health services to keep children safe. Call 1-800-370-LEAD.

Energy Assistance

Depending on your income, you may qualify for assistance paying your utility bills. For info on eligibility and how to apply, call 410-396-5555 or 311.

BGE Peak Rewards

Help BGE reduce peak energy usage and get a credit on your bill. Eligibility: if you have central AC or an electric heat pump. 1-800-309-7325.

Tax Credits

Save money on efficient appliances and other home improvements! Go to the resources section of the BNEC marketplace at www.baltimore**energy**challenge.org.

Energy Retrofit Contractors

From insulation to solar panels, they'll help you do it all. Find a contractor at the BNEC Marketplace at www.baltimore**energy**challenge.org.

Home Energy Audits

Get a comprehensive analysis of your home, with detailed recommendations for improvements. Go to the Marketplace at www.baltimore**energy**challenge.org.

BGE Rebates

Save serious money on energy efficient appliances, duct sealing, and more! Go to http://www.bgesmartenergy.com/residential.html to learn more.

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Top Ten Actions

Switch to Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs)

CFLs use so much less electricity they pay for themselves in under 6 months. Get free ones from the BGE Quick Home Energy Check-Up or buy them yourself!

Turn Down the Thermostat

For every degree you turn down your thermostat, you can save around 3% of your monthly heating bill. 3 degrees could save you more than $20 per month!

Wrap and Turn Temperature Down on Hot Water Heater

Buy an insulating jacket for your hot water heater, and turn the temperature down to 120 degrees. If yours is electric, the Quick Check-Up will wrap it for free!

Get Low-Flow Showerheads

Low-flow showerheads have all the comfort of normal showerheads, but use less than half the hot water, saving you money every day. Free with the Check-Up!

Turn Stuff Off and Use Powerstrips to Do It!

Many devices in your home draw power when you're not using them and even when they're off, like TVs. Turn everything off, and hit the powerstrip to do it!

Replace Old Refrigerators with Energy Star Models

If you have an old refrigerator, you're spending $100 to $200 more each year than you would with a new Energy Star model. In 5 years, you could save $500-$1,000!

Install and Use a Programmable Thermostat

Unlike a person, a programmable thermostat won't forget to turn down the heat or AC while you're gone or sleeping. You could save $200 per year by using one!

Insulate and Air Seal Your Home

Most Baltimore homes leak air and heat. You can do basic weatherization yourself with tools from a hardware store, or a professional can do an even better job!

Replace Old Heating System

Your old furnace may be costing you money. Consider purchasing a new one, or if you are income-eligible, you may be able to get a replacement from BGE.

Educate Your Family Members

It's no use turning the thermostat down if someone else immediately turns it up. Teach your family how to save money and energy! Next, teach your neighbors!

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