

YOUR SUMMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to help your home run more efficiently this season:

- Replace your furnace filter**
Replace your furnace filter with the change of the season — every three months.
- Check that vents are clean and unobstructed**
Proper air flow helps keep temperatures more consistent throughout your home.
- Seal drafts around windows and doors**
Sealing air leaks can help keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Seal gaps and inoperable windows with caulk or replace the weatherstripping.
- Switch older lightbulbs to LEDs**
LEDs use less electricity and last much longer than incandescent bulbs.
- Check your faucets and toilet for leaks**
A dripping faucet or running toilet can waste a lot of water. Listen for toilets that continue running after flushing and check under your sinks for leaks or moisture.
- Clean around your air conditioning or air source heat pump unit**
Debris can collect around your outdoor air conditioning or air source heat pump unit. Clearing the area can improve air flow and efficiency.
- Use curtains to keep the heat out**
Closing blinds or curtains during the day can help your home stay cool. It's a simple way to help your air conditioner work a little less.
- Give major appliances a quick check**
Clean the lint trap in your dryer and vacuum dust from behind your refrigerator. Appliances tend to run more efficiently when they're clean and free of build-up.
- Take advantage of summer weather**
When you can, hang laundry outside to dry instead of using the dryer, and use the barbecue instead of the oven to keep extra heat out of the kitchen.
- Check your energy bill**
Poor insulation, air leaks, or an inefficient heating and cooling system can all contribute to higher costs. If you have high energy bills, it might be time for a pre-retrofit EnerGuide evaluation — plus, you can get a rebate for completing one! Visit efficiencyMB.ca/HomeEvaluation to learn more.