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As people, we are always looking for ways to stretch our hard-earned dollar farther. One way we can do that is through energy efficiency. Below are a few low-cost tips that can help you save:

- Change your air filter so your HVAC system will operator more efficiently.
- Make sure the coils on your refrigerator are clean, check the temperature settings.
- Fill dishwashers and washing machines all the way before using to prevent washing as many loads.
- Reheat leftovers in the microwave and use only the oven when you have large items.
- Set the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees or less.
- Remember that all items plugged-in consume electricity even when they are off – these are called phantom loads.
- LED bulbs are always a great way to save.

We are in our homes more now than we normally would be, so use this time to make safety a priority. A monthly walk-through of your home should ensure your home is a safe as possible. Things to look for:

- Bathroom – GFCI outlets are utilized, electrical appliances are not used around water and are unplugged when not in use.
- Kitchen – GFCI outlets are utilized, appliances have proper ventilation and cords are not hanging from tables or counters.
- Basement – Circuit breaker box is labeled correctly. Washer and dryer do not wobble, have proper circulation and dryer lint is removed after each use.
- Family Room – Make sure power outlets and surge protectors are not overloaded.
- Bedroom – Smoke detectors are in working order.

As always, we want our consumer-members to know that Jackson Purchase Energy (JPEC) is here serving you. Find tools that will help you conduct your own home energy audit and other tips and tricks to help you save on our website at www.jpenergy.com/energy-tips and Like us on Facebook.



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