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Save money on your electric bill by making sure windows and doors are airtight.

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Did you know that windows and doors are responsible for 25-30% of the heat coming into your home in the summer and leaving your home in the winter? That can be about \$50-\$100 in the summer.

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Windows and doors aren't insulated as well as walls or roofs, resulting in air leaks. To minimize energy loss:

1. Check for leaks.

There are two easy ways to check for air leaks:

- Flashlight test (for large cracks) - shine a flashlight on areas that have potential leaks (around doors, window frames or walls). If a partner can see light shining through, there are likely leaks.
- Dollar bill test (for small cracks) - close a dollar bill in window or door and gently pull. If it moves easily, you may have air leaks. If it doesn't, your windows and doors are likely sealing well.

2. Add weather stripping.

Add weather stripping around doors and windows to make spaces airtight. This will help decrease energy loss to save money and make your home more comfortable. Check with your local hardware store to determine what type of weather stripping works best for your needs.



3. Insulate with window coverings.

Blinds and curtains also can add more insulation to windows.

- In the summer, close window coverings during the day to keep the heat out and open them at night to cool your home down.
- In the winter, open window coverings during the day to allow heat from the sun to come in and close them at night to keep heat from escaping.

FIND OUT MORE

- For more information and **additional ways to detect air leaks**, visit energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize/air-sealing-your-home/detecting-air-leaks.
- Consider replacing your windows. According to ENERGY STAR®, you can save about \$380/year with more efficient windows.
 - Can't afford efficiency upgrades right now? There are programs that may help. Learn more in the green box below **about assistance programs you might qualify for (even if you rent)**.
 - Participate in the Efficiency Works program to **qualify for up to \$1,000 in window rebates**. Learn more at fcgov.com/home-efficiency-program.

LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO LOWER YOUR UTILITY BILL?

Utilities partners with local organizations to provide efficiency, conservation and bill payment assistance programs, including low- or no-cost resources that keep costs down. Many of these programs are available to individuals that rent. Learn more at fcgov.com/utilities-affordability or contact us at utilitiesaffordability@fcgov.com.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Payment Assistance Fund

Households with a current past due notice may receive financial assistance once per 12-month cycle on their electric and/or water bill.

Crisis Intervention Program

Free emergency furnace repair or replacement, available to LEAP-qualified customers.

Larimer Home Improvement Program

Low- to no-interest loans for emergency home repairs and improvements.

EFFICIENCY INSTALLATION PROGRAMS

Colorado Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE)

Free money-saving weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades for qualifying households.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Free money-saving weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades for qualifying households.

Water and Energy Program

Free home efficiency assessments and products through Larimer County Conservation Corps. Equipment installed includes LED bulbs, sink aerators, showerheads and toilets.

City Rebate Program: You may also qualify for a cash rebate for rent, utilities or tax on groceries purchased in 2018. Assistance is designed for low-income individuals, families, people with disabilities and seniors. Visit fcgov.com/rebate to learn more and apply by Oct. 31, 2019.

RENEW YOUR IQAP PARTICIPATION

If you haven't already renewed participation for the upcoming year, please do so at fcgov.com/IQAP-Insights. The IQAP program year is Oct.-Sept. Once you renew, please fill out the post-program survey at fcgov.com/IQAP-survey.

NEED ASSISTANCE? Email utilitiesaffordability@fcgov.com or call 970-416-2032.

Esta información sobre el programa "Income-Qualified Assistance Program", que ofrece una tarifa de luz y agua a descuento, puede ser traducida, sin costo para usted, 970-212-2900.