



## Make 2021 a year of energy improvements

'Dropping the ball' is a good thing when you're ringing in the New Year, but not if you're missing an opportunity to save energy and money. By making small improvements in 2021, you can realize significant savings that will pay back by reducing your energy expenses.

Use the following co-op programs and tips to become more efficient and save money all year.

**Switch over to the FlexPay program.** FlexPay gives you the power to manage your payments and closely monitor your energy use.

**Speak with the cooperative's energy auditor** to identify the areas in your home that could benefit most from energy efficiency improvements. The free audit is tailored to your energy consumption and needs and can help cut your energy expenses throughout the year.

**Sign up for free account alerts,** including a high usage alert, through the billing portal at CEMCPower.com. This will help you track and manage your energy use year-round.

**Have your HVAC system serviced by a professional** at least once a year to maintain its performance. The spring and fall are great times to have this done.

**Invest in a programmable thermostat.** These can help you save money by automatically adjusting the temperature during certain times, like when you are away during the day or asleep at night.

**Make the switch to LED light bulbs.** LEDs use 75 percent less energy and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs.



*Weatherstripping and caulking around doors and windows is a cost effective way to seal up your home this winter. It will help keep chilly air outside and heated air inside.*