



## Spring “energy-efficiency” cleaning

The ground is beginning to thaw, the birds are chirping and the sun is setting a little later each day; spring is just around the corner! Spring is typically the time of year when you start to think about ways you can tidy up your home. Here are a few things you can add to your list to help save energy (and money):

### Service your air conditioner

Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system’s energy consumption. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner’s evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.

### Caulk air leaks

Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out — and cash in your wallet.

### Cook outside

On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.

### Install a programmable thermostat

You can save money on your heating and cooling bills by simply controlling the temperature of your home when you are asleep or away. You can do this automatically by installing a programmable thermostat, which will allow you to adjust your thermostat on a pre-set schedule. By installing a programmable thermostat, you can save as much



as 10% a year on heating and cooling costs by automatically turning your thermostat back for 8 hours a day from its normal setting.

For even more ways to save, visit the “Energy Efficiency” section at [CEMCPower.com](http://CEMCPower.com).