

Join with your congregation in this
12-Month Action Program to cut your household energy use.

Task of the Month

Lower thermostat in winter by at least 2 degrees.

You can save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills by simply turning your thermostat back 10°–15° for eight hours.

Myth: a furnace works harder than normal to warm the space back to a comfortable temperature after the thermostat has been set back, resulting in little or no savings.

This misconception has been dispelled by years of research and numerous studies. The fuel required to reheat a building to a comfortable temperature is roughly equal to the fuel saved as the building drops to the lower temperature. You save fuel between the time that the temperature stabilizes at the lower level and the next time heat is needed. So, the longer your house remains at the lower temperature, the more energy you save.

Myth: if you turn down your heat, your pipes will freeze.

Many people set their heat back to 55 degrees at night.

Cost: \$0

Estimated Savings: \$20/yr

Difficulty: Easy

