

ROOKWOOD PROPERTIES

TIPS TO CONSERVE ENERGY

SAVE MONEY ON COOLING IN THE SUMMER:

- **Set your thermostat** on the highest comfortable setting. If you're leaving for the day, turn it up a couple of degrees. Don't turn your cooling system off unless you'll be gone for an extended period of time.
- **Clean or change your filters** monthly. Dirty filters can increase operating costs.
- **Use a ceiling fan or portable fan** to supplement your air conditioning. A fan can make you feel three to four degrees cooler so you can set your thermostat a few degrees higher and save on cooling costs. Use in occupied rooms since fans cool people, not rooms.
- **Switch your central air conditioning to "auto"** for better cooling and humidity control and costs you less than keeping the system switched "on" continuously.
- **Close blinds, drapes and shades** during the hottest part of the day to keep the sun's rays from heating your house.

SAVE MONEY ON HEATING IN THE WINTER:

- **Lower your thermostat** to the lowest comfortable setting. If you have a heat pump, adjust your thermostat in small increments to keep the heat strip from turning on. This will keep your house comfortable while minimizing the use of the less energy-efficient resistance heat strip.
- **Switch your central heating unit to "auto."** Leaving the fan on "on" can add to your monthly heating costs.
- **Install the thermostat on an inside wall**, away from windows and doors.
- **Clean or replace filters every month.** Dirty filters can increase operating costs by 20 percent.
- **Set your thermostat back 10 degrees at night** to save on heating costs. The lowered setting reduces the length of time the heating system operates throughout the night.
- **Use ceiling fans** in winter to distribute heat around a room.
- **Close your fireplace damper** when not in use. Consider glass doors to help prevent heat loss when your heating system is on.
- **Keep registers** unblocked by furniture or draperies.
- **Use insulated or heavy curtains** on windows facing the north side of the house. Keep curtains and shades closed at night or on cloudy days.
- **When entertaining, lower the thermostat** a degree or two before the guests arrive. That way, you won't overheat.