Invest in Energy Savings

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) offers these tips on home and appliance upgrades that can help reduce your energy use and lower your utility bills.

• Choose An ENERGY STAR® Appliance

Need a new appliance? As you shop around look for the ENERGY STAR® label to see how much energy and money you can save compared to other models.

• Check With Your Utility For Rebates Before You Make A Purchase

Your utility company may offer rebates for refrigerators, freezers, natural gas dishwashers, room air conditioners, whole house fans, hot water heaters, furnaces, clothes washers, and pool pumps.

• Turn In Your Old Refrigerator

A second refrigerator may be costing you \$200-\$300 a year. Turn in your old, functioning refrigerator and earn a rebate from your utility company.

Add Insulation

Up to 40 percent of energy that is lost in a home is due to poor insulation. Insulating an attic or crawl space could save up to several hundred dollars a year. Check with your utility for rebates.

• Replace Drafty Windows With Double Paned Windows

High-performance windows could save several hundred dollars a year on heating and cooling bills. Check the National Fenestration Rating Council to learn more at http://www.nfrc.org/.

• Make Several Improvements To Your Home At Once

Energy Upgrade California provides rebates if you make multiple home improvements. Visit www.energyupgradeca.org to learn about program options and find a certified contractor.

• Check With Your Utility To Learn About Rebates Available In Your Area

- Southern California Gas: www.socalgas.com/for-your-home/rebates/
- Southern California Edison: www.sce.com/residential/rebates-savings/rebates-savings.htm
- San Diego Gas & Electric: www.sdge.com/rebates-finder/residential
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company: www.pge.com/myhome/saveenergymoney/moneysaver/

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