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# Money-Saving Energy Guide

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# 10 simple things to save money and energy—today!

Lowe's wants to help you save money with ENERGY STAR and other energy-saving products. Saving energy not only saves you money, it helps protect the environment, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy have named Lowe's an ENERGY STAR award winner for the fifth year in a row.

Lowe's commitment to energy savings is about more than just the products we offer. We want to make energy savings easy for you. Saving money on energy doesn't require a lot of time, tools, or cash. In fact, some of the most cost-effective measures you can take require no more than a trip to Lowe's, a screwdriver and an hour of your time.

Lowe's is proud to help you save money on your home by saving energy. Join us in learning a wide variety of simple ways you can make a difference in your energy bill and the environment. To start off, here are 10 quick projects with quick results and payback you can do today. **For more information, visit [Lowe's.com/Energy](https://www.lowes.com/Energy).**



## 1 Adjust thresholds and door sweeps

That little 1/8-inch gap along the bottom of your front door is equivalent to having a 4-inch hole in your wall; you'd plug *that* up fast! If your threshold and lower door sweep are adjustable, take five minutes to adjust them so they're snug. Usually it requires only a screwdriver. If they're not adjustable, replacement parts are available. **View our helpful guides and videos at [Lowe's.com/Weatherstripping](https://www.lowes.com/Weatherstripping).**

## 2 Add electrical outlet sealers

The area behind electrical outlet boxes is frequently neglected when a house is insulated. Adding more insulation usually isn't an option, but reducing drafts from air leaks is. Foam electrical outlet sealers (left), designed to fit snugly behind outlets and switch cover plates, are inexpensive and install easily.

## 3 Seal leaky ductwork

A recent study estimates that the average forced-air system loses over 20% of its heated (or cooled) air through leaks in the duct system. In open basements and attics where ductwork is accessible, it's usually easy to seal these leaks.

Two materials excel at the task. Both are inexpensive and **the typical payback period on your investment is less than two years**. Use a silicone sealant designed for ducts to seal gaps around curved seams, and aluminum tape to seal straight seams. Note: Contrary to its name, duct tape is actually one of the worst materials for sealing ducts; it degrades very quickly.

## 4 Install an ENERGY STAR programmable thermostat

One study shows that ENERGY STAR programmable thermostats, when set to lower the temperature 5 degrees at night and 10 degrees during the workday, **can save up to \$150 per year**. That's a pretty hefty savings from installing a device that can cost as little as \$40.

Select a programmable thermostat that works with your heating and cooling system.



**ELECTRICAL OUTLET SEALER**  
item #61216

**PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT**  
item #183788



## 5 Make sure your chimney damper is shut tight

Don't overlook the obvious. Did you remember to shut your fireplace damper after that cozy little fire you had a few months ago? Open dampers allow chimneys to pull warm air out in winter and cool air out in summer.

## 6 Lower the temperature on your water heater

Heating water beyond 120 degrees F can be both unsafe and wasteful. You can easily save money by lowering the temperature setting on your water heater. It's usually as simple as turning a dial. If your water heater doesn't have temperature markings on the dial, check water temperature with a cooking thermometer and gradually adjust the temperature by trial and error.

## 7 Install dimmer switches and motion detector lights

An inexpensive dimmer switch can lower your utility bill and substantially prolong bulb life. Installing motion detector lights outdoors keeps lights from burning all night long. For non-motion detector fixtures, screw-in adapters and independent motion sensors are available. **See "Installing a Motion Detector" in the How-to Library at [Lowe's.com/MotionDetector](https://www.lowes.com/MotionDetector) for more information.**

## 8 Clean your refrigerator coils

At least twice a year (more often if you have pets that shed) take time to clean the coils behind or beneath your refrigerator. Clean coils help the compressor work faster and run less often, saving electricity and resulting in fewer service calls and longer life for your appliance.

## 9 Change furnace and cooling equipment air filters

Check your filter every month, especially during heavy-use months, both summer and winter. A dirty filter will slow down airflow and make the system work harder. A clean filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system.

## 10 Invest in ENERGY STAR products



When shopping for new appliances, heating and cooling equipment, light fixtures and building materials, look for the ENERGY STAR logo. It's your assurance that the product uses less energy, saves more money and helps protect the environment better than standard models. For a complete list of products and tons of useful information, visit [energystar.gov](https://www.energystar.gov).

**The energy and money saving figures given here are representative. Your savings will depend on the products selected, your home and where you live.**

**A \$3 ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent bulb can save up to \$30 in electricity costs over its life span.**



**DIMMER SWITCH**  
item #239644



**MOTION DETECTOR FLOOD LIGHT**  
item #72838

## COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS SAVE YOU MONEY

Installing ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) is perhaps the most cost-effective way to save energy and money today. With an initial investment of as little as \$3, you can **save up to \$30 in electricity costs** over the life of a single CFL bulb. Why the great savings? While more than 80% of the energy consumed by a standard incandescent bulb goes into creating heat, most of the energy consumed by a CFL goes

into creating light; that makes them much more energy efficient.

CFLs today are the best quality ever and available in styles such as dimmable, three-way, decorative and outdoor. Lowe's also offers a wide variety of ENERGY STAR qualified light fixtures, from torchieres to decorative fixtures, bathroom fixtures and more. **View our complete Lightbulb Buying Guide at [Lowe's.com/LightBulb](https://www.lowes.com/LightBulb).**

**FLUORESCENT BULBS**  
item #156922



# How to Tighten Up Your Home

Your house needs to keep you warm in the winter, cool in the summer, dry when it rains and comfortable all year round. That's a big job. ENERGY STAR recommends sealing and insulating to help increase the comfort and energy efficiency of your home by improving the "envelope" – the outer walls, ceiling, windows, and floors.



CAULK  
item #47970



CAULK GUN  
item #47061

## Caulk

A simple \$4 tube of caulk will make your house more weather-tight and longer lasting. Caulk is good for sealing holes 1/4 inch or less. When the caulk around windows, doors and siding has become brittle or has separated, it's time to scrape out the old and squeeze in the new.

### ROLLING UP YOUR SLEEVES:

- As a general rule of thumb, you'll use 1/2 tube of caulk per door and large window; 1/4 tube for smaller windows.
- Use indoor/outdoor caulk with a long lifetime around windows and doors to seal small gaps and air leaks.
- If joints are wider than 1/4 inch, fill the gap with foam backer rod, available at Lowe's. It comes in a variety of thicknesses to accommodate different size gaps.
- Don't caulk the horizontal joints of lap siding; your house needs to breathe, so trapped moisture can escape.
- For latex caulk, a moist finger makes the best caulk-smoothing tool of all. It's easy to control and you'll never lose it.
- Use sheet metal and high-temperature caulk to close gaps around chimneys and flues that can get hot.

For most projects you'll need only two types of caulk. Acrylic or acrylic-latex is a good all-purpose caulk. It's paintable, goes on easily and cleans up with water. Polyurethane and silicone caulk are stickier and trickier to use, but are the best choice for use on concrete, stucco and masonry surfaces. Cleanup requires mineral spirits.

## Weatherstrip

For weatherstripping to do its job, it has to compress to fill the gap between two surfaces. Eventually, even the best material—whether it's foam, rubber or metal—will lose its resiliency, allowing air to escape your home. Before you go shopping for new weatherstripping, make note of the existing product and try to match it as closely as possible.

### ROLLING UP YOUR SLEEVES:

- Before replacing your door's weatherstripping, check the screws in the door hinges to make sure drafts aren't being caused by the door sagging and creating gaps.
- Whether you use nail-on or self-adhering products, your weatherstripping will adhere and perform better if you clean the frame and jamb first with soap and water, then allow it to dry completely.
- To prevent air infiltration, caulk the back of nail-on weatherstripping before tacking it in place.

Weatherstripping kits containing two side strips, one top strip and fasteners are available at Lowe's. **To find the right products for your home, visit [Lowe's.com/BuildingMaterials](https://www.lowes.com/buildingmaterials).**



WEATHERSTRIPPING  
item #127947



## Seal Air Leaks

If you added up all the gaps around the pipes, light fixtures, chimneys and other penetrations in the ceiling of the average home, you'd have the equivalent of a 2 square-foot hole—the size of a small window. Since heat rises, you'll find that sealing up these attic bypasses is often the very best way to save on your energy bills. It usually takes a combination of caulk, expanding foam, insulation and flashing to do the job right, but this investment of time and money can save \$100s on your energy bill. And since your house will feel less drafty, you'll feel more comfortable, too.

### ROLLING UP YOUR SLEEVES:

- To track down attic air leaks, lift existing insulation and check for dark patches of moisture or dust. Or head to the attic on a cold day and use a stick of incense to check for drafts.
- Use expanding foam sealant to plug air gaps around pipes, ducts and wires where they enter the attic.
- Don't forget your attic access hatch. Glue rigid foam insulation to the top of the hatch and use foam weatherstripping to seal any gaps around it.



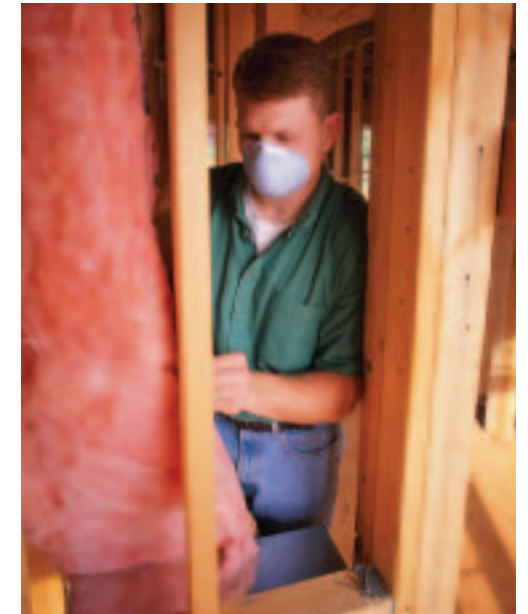
SPRAY FOAM SEALANT  
item #13617

## Insulate

The attic is usually the easiest place to install insulation in an existing home. Fortunately, it's also the place where it does the most good.

Select the best material for your budget and application. Remember, the higher the listed R-value, the more effective the material is at resisting heat loss.

For the best savings, insulate after sealing air leaks. Depending on your location, age of house, utility costs and amount of existing insulation, **sealing and adding insulation to the attic yourself usually pays for itself in 5 to 10 years.**



### ROLLING UP YOUR SLEEVES:

- Fill wall and ceiling cavities completely. Leaving even small gaps or compressing fiberglass batts during installation can cut the efficiency of insulation in half.
- When insulating exterior walls, split the insulation so half goes on each side of any wires or cables.
- Use a putty knife to lightly pack strips of insulation between window frames and wall studs when possible.
- When insulating attics, make certain not to block eave or ridge vents.

For more hardworking tips on insulating, see "Insulating Your Home" in the How-to Library at [Lowe's.com/HomeInsulation](https://www.lowes.com/homeinsulation). For help in determining how much insulation to buy, use the Lowe's "Rolled insulation calculator" at [Lowe's.com/Calculator](https://www.lowes.com/calculator).

## EFFICIENT WINDOWS AND DOORS OFFER HIGH PAYBACK

Installing new energy-efficient windows and doors is expensive, but there are many benefits. Most new units require less maintenance. Better-insulated glass will cut down on outside noise. And studies show, there's a relatively high payback to this project when it comes to reselling your home. Whether you're remodeling, adding on or simply replacing worn-out windows and doors, choosing high-efficiency ENERGY STAR qualified models is a good investment.

As a bonus, windows, doors and skylights that are ENERGY STAR qualified are eligible for **federal tax credits that allow you to deduct 10% of the cost (up to \$500 total, \$200 for windows).** For more information go to [Lowe's.com/Energy](https://www.lowes.com/energy).

There are other options besides complete replacement. You can:

- **Install storm doors and windows.** They'll not only warm up your home, but improve the appearance while

cutting down on maintenance. ENERGY STAR qualified units are eligible for tax credits. For information on hiring a professional Lowe's installer, visit [Lowe's.com/Install](https://www.lowes.com/install).

- **Install replacement windows.** With these, you leave the frame and trim in place and install a more energy-efficient insert. Once the tools and materials are on hand, the project can take as little as an hour or two for experienced do-it-yourselfers. Visit [Lowe's.com/Windows](https://www.lowes.com/windows), your how-to guide and resource for new and replacement windows.
- **Install window film.** There are two types: One is applied directly to the glass and is helpful in keeping excess heat out in the summer. The second is a clear film stretched over the interior trim that is effective at blocking cold drafts in the winter. Both are available at Lowe's.



THERMASTAR BY PELLA WINDOW  
item #133698  
*May be Special Order in some markets*



SECURE ELEGANCE STORM DOOR  
item #56344

# Conserve Water and energy: Inside & Out

Growing populations and increased water usage are putting a strain on our water supplies – 36 states expect to face water shortages within the next 5 years. By using water more efficiently, we can protect the environment, save money, and preserve water supplies for future generations. Many people don't equate saving water with saving money, but a significant portion of your energy use is for heating water, and it's surprising how much you can save on your water bill, quite painlessly.

The average American household uses about 350 gallons of water per day. There are three ways to lessen that amount: repairing, rethinking and replacing. Repairing involves fixing dripping faucets and running toilets. Rethinking involves changing a few day-to-day habits (it's usually easy). Replacing means upgrading to water-conserving appliances and fixtures when existing ones wear out. By following these steps in order, the average family can save 1,000s of gallons of water per year, and knock a good chunk off their gas or electric bill.



## In the Kitchen

Saving water in the kitchen can be as simple as storing drinking water in your refrigerator so you don't have to run the tap to get cold water. Other ideas include:

**Repairing:** A dripping faucet can waste as much as 150 gallons of water per month. **For information and to view a video on repairing your faucet, visit [Lowes.com/KitchenFaucet](https://www.lowes.com/KitchenFaucet).**

**Rethinking:** A new ENERGY STAR qualified dishwasher saves nearly 5,000 gallons of water per year, compared to washing dishes by hand. If you do hand-wash dishes, keep the water off unless you're rinsing. Also operate your dishwasher only with a full load.

**Replacing:** Simply installing a low-flow aerator on your existing kitchen faucet will substantially reduce water consumption (faucets manufactured after 1994 already have aerators.) **ENERGY STAR qualified dishwashers use approximately half the amount of water as a 10-year-old unit.** Also, the increased amount of insulation (which helps the water stay hotter longer) also makes them quieter.

## In the Bathroom

One fourth of all the water used in the average home is literally flushed down the toilet. Add in the shower, bathtub and sink, and you can see why the bathroom far outdistances every other room in the house in terms of water usage.

**Repairing:** It's estimated that 1 out of every 5 toilets leaks, wasting up to 500 gallons of water per day. Often, a simple adjustment is all that's needed.

**See "Making Simple Toilet Repairs" at [Lowes.com/HowTo](https://www.lowes.com/HowTo) for information on troubleshooting toilet problems and making simple repairs.** Replacement fill valves cost as little as \$7 apiece and can be installed with a few simple tools, often in less than an hour. Fix dripping tub and sink faucets, too.

**Rethinking:** Don't let the water run while shaving, washing your face or brushing your teeth. A five-minute shower uses less water than the average bath.

**Replacing:** Replacing your existing showerhead with a low-flow version can save more than 2 gallons per minute. **Installing a new low-flow toilet can cut water consumption in half, saving up to 20,000 gallons of water per toilet per year.**

## In the Laundry Room

Just by matching the water level in your washing machine to the size of the load can save 10 gallons of water per load.

**Repairing:** Fix or replace drippy laundry tub faucets. Install a low-flow aerator on faucets made prior to 1994.

**Rethinking:** Use the cold water wash and rinse cycles on your washing machine whenever possible. Operate your washer only when there's a full load. Soak and pretreat stains before washing; it may prevent you from having to wash items a second time.

**Replacing:** Standard washing machines often use more than 40 gallons of water per load. **ENERGY STAR qualified washing machines use about half the water and 50% less energy to run. This could save you as much as \$150 per year.**

## Outdoors

Conserving water outdoors can be as simple as watering your lawn in the early morning when temperatures are lower and evaporation is slower. **Visit [Lowes.com/h2o](https://www.lowes.com/h2o) for water-saving tips and techniques.**

**Repairing:** Fix leaky faucets and hose gaskets. **Visit [Lowes.com/CompressionFaucet](https://www.lowes.com/CompressionFaucet) for detailed instructions on replacing O-rings and other parts.**

**Rethinking:** Add mulch to garden beds to help retain soil moisture. Use a water timer on outdoor faucets to prevent overwatering lawns. Use an ON-OFF nozzle when washing your car; this alone can save 100 gallons per wash.

**Replacing:** Install a water-efficient drip irrigation system for flowers, plants and shrubs; it delivers the water to plants where they need it most—the roots. Purchase a sprinkler that delivers large drops of water close to the ground instead of one that tosses small droplets into the air where evaporation takes place more quickly.



FRONT LOAD WASHER  
item #232560



WATER TIMER  
item #36660

**Time to replace that old washing machine? An ENERGY STAR qualified model can save you more than \$100 per year in water and energy costs.**



DISHWASHER  
item #247161



LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEAD  
item #188639

## SAVE MONEY ON HOT WATER

Some would say that keeping a 40-gallon tankful of water hot and ready to use 24 hours a day is like keeping your car running day and night so it's always ready to drive. Maybe that's not a fair comparison, but the fact remains: We use a lot of gas, electricity and dollars creating and maintaining our hot water.

While few of us are willing to give up the

convenience of hot water, there are three ways to lessen the amount of energy used creating it:

- heat it efficiently
- maintain the water temperature efficiently, once it's heated
- use less hot water.

Thermal blankets that surround your water heater help to maintain the temperature of the hot

water. Most insulating blankets come complete with special installation tape and can be installed in about 30 minutes using few, if any, tools.

Just as programmable thermostats can tell your furnace it's OK to not work as hard when you're asleep or away, "smart" water heaters can be programmed to use less energy based on your schedule. One such unit, the Whirlpool "Energy Smart" electric water heater, has four user-selectable operating modes:

- SMART (conventional mode)
- ENERGY SMART (automatically adjusts water temperature based on family water-use patterns)
- LOW TEMPERATURE (limits water temperature to a maximum of 115 degrees F)
- VACATION/CABIN (prevents water heater from freezing while unattended for extended periods of time).

The unit is also self cleaning, which means the elements can work more efficiently, and it has 3 inches of foam insulation to keep your hot water hot.



WATER HEATER INSULATION  
item #2441-



ENERGY SMART WATER HEATER  
item #188410



# Save with ENERGY STAR

The ENERGY STAR label is an easy way for you to identify what products are energy efficient. It means you don't need to wade through complicated specifications to find the best product; the government has done the hard work for you. Appliances, building products, lighting, electronics, heating and cooling equipment and other products with the blue ENERGY STAR logo have met strict energy efficiency criteria set by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy to qualify for the designation. It's your guarantee that the product you're buying saves energy, money and helps protect the environment. It's also often used by manufacturers, utilities and the government to grant rebates and tax credits.

Here are some ENERGY STAR product categories available at Lowe's.

## Ahorre con ENERGY STAR

La clasificación ENERGY STAR es una manera sencilla para identificar qué productos son eficientes energéticamente. Esto significa que no debe lidiar con complicadas especificaciones para encontrar el mejor producto; el gobierno ya hizo el trabajo arduo por usted. Los electrodomésticos, los productos para la construcción, los accesorios de iluminación, los productos electrónicos, los equipos de calefacción y enfriamiento y demás productos con el logotipo azul ENERGY STAR, cumplen con criterios estrictos establecidos por la Agencia de Protección Medioambiental y el Ministerio de Energía de los Estados Unidos para obtener tal designación. Es su garantía de que está comprando un producto que ahorra energía, dinero y ayuda a proteger el medio ambiente. También la utilizan con frecuencia los fabricantes, los proveedores de servicios y las agencias gubernamentales para otorgar descuentos y créditos fiscales.

A continuación detallamos algunas categorías de productos ENERGY STAR disponibles en Lowe's.



**REFRIGERATOR / REFRIGERADOR**  
item / artículo #96087



## Lighting

ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs use two-thirds less energy, generate 70% less heat and last up to 10 times longer than ordinary bulbs. ENERGY STAR light fixtures are designed to easily accommodate energy-efficient bulbs and distribute light more efficiently, using one-third less energy than standard fixtures. **Save \$20 to \$30 over one CFL's lifetime. Save \$60 per year by replacing your five most frequently used bulbs and/or fixtures.**

## Iluminación

Las bombillas calificadas ENERGY STAR utilizan dos tercios menos de energía, generan 70% menos de calor y duran hasta 10 veces más que las bombillas comunes. Los accesorios para iluminación ENERGY STAR están diseñados para ser usados con bombillas con eficiencia energética y para distribuir luz de manera eficaz, y usan un tercio menos de energía que los accesorios estándar. **Ahorre entre \$20 y \$30 durante la vida útil de una CFL. Reemplace las cinco bombillas o los cinco accesorios que usa con mayor frecuencia y ahorre \$60 por año.**



**MOTION SENSOR COACH LIGHT / FAROL CON SENSOR DE MOVIMIENTO**  
item / artículo #182143

## Appliances

There's not one, but two, price tags when it comes to buying new appliances: the initial cost and the operating cost. ENERGY STAR qualified appliances use anywhere from 10% to 50% less energy and/or water than standard models.

ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers use 50% less energy than standard washers. ENERGY STAR dishwashers use 41% less energy than the federal minimum standards. Other ENERGY STAR rated appliances include room air conditioners, freezers and refrigerators. **Replacing a 12-year-old refrigerator could save more than \$250 in five years. You could save \$30 per year by replacing your pre-1994 dishwasher.**

## Accesorios

No existe una, sino dos etiquetas del precio cuando se trata de comprar un electrodoméstico nuevo: el costo inicial y el costo operativo. Los electrodomésticos calificados ENERGY STAR utilizan entre el 10% y el 50% menos de energía agua que los modelos estándar.

Las lavadoras calificadas ENERGY STAR utilizan 50% menos de energía que las lavadoras estándar. Los lavaplatos ENERGY STAR utilizan 41% menos de energía que el rango establecido por las normas mínimas federales. Otros electrodomésticos calificados ENERGY STAR incluyen acondicionadores de aire, congeladores y refrigeradores. **El reemplazo de un refrigerador de 12 años de antigüedad permite ahorrar más de \$250 en cinco años. Si reemplaza un lavaplatos cuyo modelo es anterior a 1994, puede ahorrar \$30 en un año.**



**AIR CONDITIONER / ACONDICIONADOR DE AIRE**  
item / artículo #51802

## Heating, Cooling and Ventilation

Up to half of your utility bill dollars go to heating, cooling and ventilating your home. Air conditioners, furnaces, boilers, programmable thermostats, dehumidifiers, air cleaners, ventilating fans and ceiling fans are among the products that can qualify for the ENERGY STAR rating. The older and less energy efficient your existing equipment, the greater your long-term savings with ENERGY STAR

products. For example, **by replacing a 10-year-old room air conditioner with an ENERGY STAR qualified model, you can save up to \$150 over the life of the product. A 40-pint ENERGY STAR dehumidifier can save you \$20 per year or \$200 over the life of the product.** The savings add up fast.

## Calefacción, enfriamiento y ventilación

La mitad del dinero que gasta en facturas de servicios corresponde a la calefacción, enfriamiento y ventilación de su hogar. Los acondicionadores de aire, los sistemas de calefacción, las calderas, los termostatos programables, los deshumidificadores, los limpiadores de aire, los ventiladores y los ventiladores de techo se encuentran entre los productos que pueden obtener la clasificación ENERGY STAR. Cuanto más viejo y menos eficiente sea su equipo actual, más ahorrará a largo plazo con productos ENERGY STAR. **Ahorre hasta \$150 sobre la vida útil del producto al reemplazar un acondicionador de aire de 10 años de antigüedad por un modelo ENERGY STAR. Un deshumidificador ENERGY STAR de 19 litros (40 pintas) puede hacerle ahorrar \$20 por año o \$200 sobre la vida útil del producto. Los ahorros suman rápidamente.**

**Save \$30 per year with a new ENERGY STAR dishwasher, and another \$30 with an ENERGY STAR refrigerator.**

**Ahorre \$30 por año con un nuevo lavaplatos ENERGY STAR y otros \$30 con un refrigerador ENERGY STAR.**

## Windows, Doors and Skylights

ENERGY STAR qualified windows, doors and skylights help keep your home warmer in winter and cooler in summer. Qualifying units also help reduce condensation and sun damage. Go to [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) for more specific information. **You'll save on your utility bills, plus qualify for federal tax credits (right).**

## Ventanas, puertas y tragaluces

Las ventanas, puertas y tragaluces con calificación ENERGY STAR ayudan a mantener su casa más cálida en invierno y más fría en verano. Las unidades que califican también pueden reducir la condensación y el daño provocado por el sol. Para obtener información más específica vaya a [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov). **Ahorrá en sus facturas de servicios, y además podrá obtener hasta \$500 en créditos fiscales federales (derecha).**



**WINDOW / VENTANA**  
item / artículo #100621

**TAXCREDIT**  
ENERGY SAVINGS ELIGIBLE  
REDUCCION EN LOS IMPUESTOS  
AHORROS DE ENERGIA ELEGIBLES

## SAVE ON YOUR TAXES!

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 offers federal tax credits, up to a total of \$500, to homeowners that purchase certain energy-efficient products and vehicles between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007. This tax credit lowers your taxes right off the bottom line. Here are some examples:

- For insulation and metal roofing that meet the specifications, you can deduct 10% of the total cost (not to exceed \$500 total).
- For windows, doors and skylights that meet ENERGY STAR specifications you can deduct 10% of the total cost (not to exceed \$500).

Some types of hybrid vehicles, solar equipment and business-related equipment also qualify. For more information visit [www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm](http://www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm).

### Learn more online

Visit [Lowe.com/energy](http://Lowe.com/energy) with everything you need to start saving energy and money today – from products to projects, including the ENERGY STAR interactive home. Take a tour through this home for tips and how-to information on how to start saving energy and money room by room. You can also sign up for Lowe's ENERGY STAR quarterly e-newsletter for great do-it-yourself ideas and techniques to save energy delivered straight to your inbox!

## ¡AHORRE EN IMPUESTOS!

La Ley de Política Energética de 2005 ofrece créditos fiscales federales, de hasta \$500, a los propietarios que compren ciertos productos con eficiencia energética entre el 1º de enero de 2006 y el 31 de diciembre de 2007. Este crédito fiscal disminuye sus impuestos al mínimo. Éstos son algunos ejemplos:

- Para aislamiento y techos de metal que cumplan con las especificaciones, puede deducir el 10% del costo total (sin exceder \$500).
- Para las ventanas, puertas y tragaluces que cumplan con especificaciones ENERGY STAR puede deducir el 10% del costo total (sin exceder \$500).

Algunos tipos de vehículos híbridos, equipo solar y equipo empresarial también califican. Para obtener la información completa, visite [www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm](http://www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm).

### Aprenda más en línea

Visite [Lowe.com/Energy](http://Lowe.com/Energy) para todo lo que necesite saber para comenzar a ahorrar energía y dinero hoy mismo: desde productos hasta proyectos, incluso la casa interactiva ENERGY STAR. Haga un recorrido por esta casa para encontrar sugerencias e información práctica sobre cómo comenzar a ahorrar energía y dinero, habitación por habitación. También puede inscribirse para el boletín informativo electrónico trimestral ENERGY STAR de Lowe's para obtener estupendas ideas de bricolaje y técnicas para ahorrar energía, indirectamente en su bandeja de entrada!