

“WINTER IS THE TIME FOR COMFORT, FOR GOOD FOOD AND WARMTH, FOR THE TOUCH OF A FRIENDLY HAND AND FOR A TALK BESIDE THE FIRE: IT IS THE TIME FOR HOME.”  
- EDITH SITWELL

# CAMBRIDGE PLACE NEWSLETTER

## ENERGY SAVING TIPS TO FOR THE NEW YEAR AND BEYOND!

1. Lower your thermostat temperature to the lowest temperature that is comfortable to your family. You may save as much as 3 percent on your energy bill for each degree you lower your thermostat. Reduce your thermostat setting at night and/or when you are away. A 10-degree setback for eight hours each day could save up to 9 percent.

The “auto” thermostat setting on central heating systems may save you money. However, if you can decrease your thermostat temperature by operating the fan in the “on” position, you may save even more money.

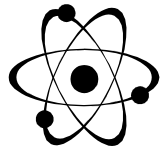
2. Keep your fireplace damper closed tightly when not in use.

3. Do not use a fireplace during periods of extreme cold. Most fireplaces that are open to the living space will increase winter heating costs.

4. Ceiling fans help keep you comfortable not only in the summer but in the winter as well. Reversing the direction of the blades pushes warm air down into the room. Fans should turn counter-clockwise in the summer and clockwise in the winter.

5. Use kitchen, bath, and other ventilating fans wisely; in just 1

hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warmed air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done the job. Try to keep the humidity level between 30-60%.



6. During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to allow sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows. During the cooling season, keep the window coverings closed during the day to prevent solar gain.

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Check your mail often!! If you are going to be on vacation for more than 3 days please notify him. These mailboxes are small and get full fast. Don't miss out on receiving your important documents!

### FIRE STARTING TIPS FOR YOUR FIREPLACE

Open the flue. Lay several pieces of crumpled paper in the middle of the fireplace. Over the paper lean pieces of kindling against one another in the shape of a teepee. Then light the paper on fire and keep the fireplace door . When the kindling starts to burn, add larger pieces of kindling but don't smother the fire; continue adding larger and larger pieces of dry wood as the

next one burns. When larger pieces of dry hard wood are burning and the fire is less smoky, you know that the draft is being pulled up the chimney and you've got a great fire going.

#### Don't burn a fire overnight!

Fire left to burn out overnight can cause a back draft of smoke. This can pollute the air in your home with carbon monoxide and other chemicals. Instead, keep your fires small but hot, and let them burn out completely (and close the flue) before going to bed for the night.

