



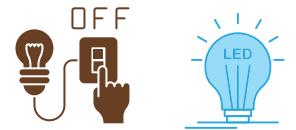
# What Can I Do?

## Energy Saving Checklist

### In Your Home

Using less energy not only saves you money, but is also good for the planet. Save energy by:

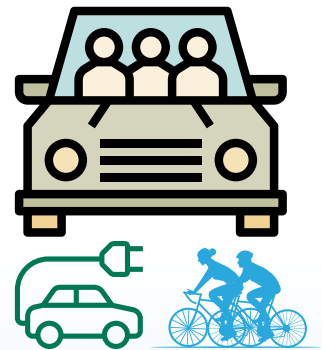
- unplugging appliances and electronics when they aren't being used.
- turning off the lights when you leave the room.
- in the winter, set the thermostat temperature lower at night and when no one is home. In the summer, set it higher at night and when no one is home.
- filling the washing machine and dishwasher before running it. One full load is better than several small ones.
- replacing burnt out light bulbs with energy-saving LED bulbs.
- when buying appliances, look for the Energy Star rating or Energy Guide label.
- sealing drafty windows and doors with weatherstripping



### On The Go

Transportation is a leading cause of manmade greenhouse gas emissions and a major source of pollution. You can reduce the negative impact of transportation by:

- organizing car pools to work, sports practices and other activities.
- planning out routes so you can accomplish several daily tasks in one trip.
- picking one trip per week where you can walk or bike instead of driving.
- keeping your auto tuned, checking your tire pressure and other performing other routine maintenance that will improve your auto's performance.
- considering electric vehicles when the time comes to trade in your current vehicle.



### Every Day

Here are a few other things we can do every day:

- Recycle - Learn what is recyclable and how to recycle in your community.
- Use a refillable water bottle instead of disposable ones.
- Support local agriculture.
- Create a pollinator garden (Bonus: Less grass to cut).
- Keep tote bags in the car for groceries.
- Set up a clothes line or drying rack for laundry.



# Resources

DNREC's **Weatherization Assistance Program** is a free service that helps qualifying homeowners and renters cut their energy bills by weatherproofing and improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

[de.gov/wap](https://de.gov/wap)

DNREC's **Low- to Moderate-Income Solar Program** brings renewable energy to a segment of the Delaware population that has historically been underserved by existing state programs and incentives. Qualifying low-income residents can receive a cost-free solar installation of up to 4.0 kW. Qualifying moderate-income residents can receive a solar installation that has 70% paid for by the LMI Solar Program and 30% by the homeowner for a system size up to 6.0 kW.

[de.gov/lmi](https://de.gov/lmi)

The Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility, or **Energize Delaware**, features programs ranging from home assessments and rebates to low-interest loans that help businesses including farms, nonprofits, congregations, schools, government and residents convert to solar or install energy-efficient systems.

[energizedelaware.org](https://energizedelaware.org)

Delaware's **Tree for Every Delawarean Initiative** (TEDI) has a website that provides information on native species; how to prune, much and properly care for your trees; tree selection and placement and much more.

[de.gov/tedi](https://de.gov/tedi)

Delaware's **Climate Action Plan** provides information on ways that we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve our resiliency to the impacts of climate change that we are already witnessing.

[de.gov/climateplan](https://de.gov/climateplan)

Find information about **Energy Star ratings** and products online on the Energy Star web page. The website also includes information about rebates and tax credits, as well as helpful tips on how to save energy for residents and businesses.

[www.energystar.gov](https://www.energystar.gov)

If you are interested in learning about your own carbon footprint, check out the EPA's **Carbon Footprint Calculator**.

[www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator](https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator)

The EPA also has an informative web page on developing **sustainable communities**, including such topics as adaptation resources, transportation, economic development and environmental justice.

[www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/tools-and-resources-sustainable-communities](https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/tools-and-resources-sustainable-communities)

