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Carroll EMC Wants to Help You Save Energy & Money

As Georgia begins to move toward the heart of winter, we want you to be prepared to keep your house warm and your electric bill low. Follow these energy-saving tips:

- Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. We recommend 68°F in the winter and 78°F in summer.
- Turn off everything not in use: lights, TVs, computers, other electronics
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Use cold water when washing clothes. About 16% of an average home energy bill goes just for heating water.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Take a shorter shower instead of a bath to reduce hot water use.
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120 degrees.
- Clean or replace filters on your furnaces once a month or as needed.
- Close your fireplace damper when not in use.
- Seal air leaks in your home by caulking all leaky windows and weather-stripping doors.

Sources: Dept. of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency and Alliance to Save Energy