



Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Priorities

New granite counter tops are nice, but will they save you 20% on your utility bills? Start with easy ways to improve your home safety and energy consumption:

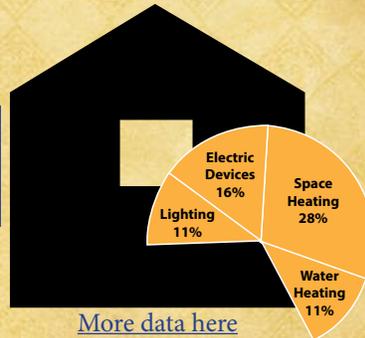
Our homes devour 23% of all U.S. energy. The U.S. consumes more energy than anyone else on the planet -- about 20% of the total global demand.

Source: [InterNACHI](#)



Typical Home Energy Use- The biggest energy users:

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You can decrease this without ever spending a dime. Or you can pinpoint what the best options for your home are with an energy audit:



Cost & Benefit



Lighting	Electric Devices	Space Heating	Water Heating
Turn lights off	Unplug device chargers from walls to avoid 'phantom watts'	Turn down thermostat 8-10 degrees when you're away or sleeping	Test your water heater's temp - should be 120°
Install motion-detectors or timers for bathrooms, kitchen, or other rooms	Plug devices into a power strip and turn it off when not in use	During the winter is best to change the filters out once a month	Install low-flow shower heads and sink aerators
Replace all bulbs with CFL bulbs	Purchase a "Smart Strip" with a timer to charge devices and lap tops	Install a programmable thermostat to automatically turn down the heat when you're away or sleeping	Insulate water heater with an insulation blanket and wrap all water lines with pipe insulation
Replace all bulbs with LED bulbs (rebates available!)	Upgrade appliances to ENERGY STAR models	Upgrade to a high efficiency heating system and/or add insulation (rebates available!)	Upgrade with a high-efficiency water heater (rebates available!)

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