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7 EASY STEPS TO AN **ENERGY- EFFICIENT APARTMENT**

There are many quick and easy things you can do to make your living space more energy and water efficient—saving resources and money. Get a jumpstart on your savings with these quick hacks from the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility.

Want to learn more? Visit www.dcseu.com for more tips and rebates to help lower your energy bills.



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Take it easy: In hot months, minimize activities that generate a lot of heat, such as cooking. Even stereos and televisions will add some heat to your home.

When you're home, add two degrees F to your thermostat in the summer and take away two degrees during the winter. You probably won't notice a difference—until you get your next energy bill and see the savings.

Save energy AND water: Only run your dishwasher when you have a full load, rather than a partial load.

Open your blinds or curtains during cold months to take advantage of the sun's warmth and close them during the summer to keep out the heat.

Keep it clean: Did you know dirt absorbs light on bulbs and fixtures, reducing their efficiency?

While away from your apartment, adjust your thermostat to over 80F degrees in the summer and below 65F degrees in the winter.

Switch out your existing light bulbs with energy-efficient LEDs. They'll save anywhere from 50%-90% of the energy use compared to other bulbs and can last up to 10 times longer. In D.C., look for the DCSEU logo to spot bulbs that have been discounted.

Are your coffee maker, counter appliances, computer, fan, or television using energy all day? Unplug chargers and other devices from the wall when they're not in use or use a smart power strip to turn-off several appliances at once.

