



**ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY**

# Scavenger Hunt

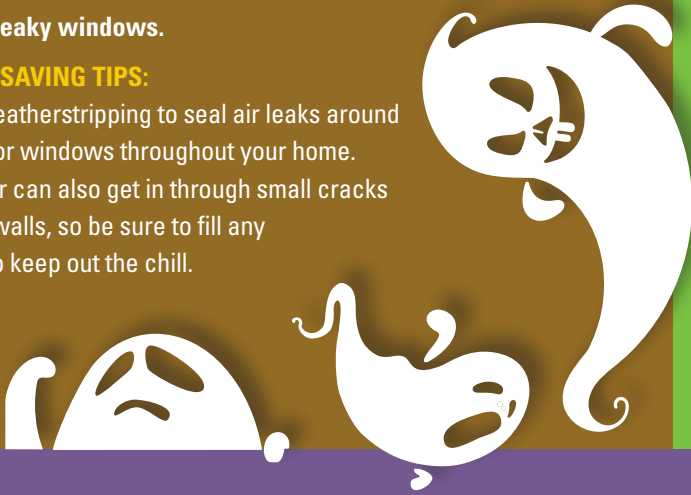


## **TASK** Keep the ghosts out

Do you feel a chilly draft while walking around your house? About 30% of a home's heat is lost through leaky windows.

### **ENERGY SAVING TIPS:**

- Use weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors or windows throughout your home.
- Cold air can also get in through small cracks along walls, so be sure to fill any gaps to keep out the chill.



## **TASK** Vampire hunt

Check every power outlet in your home for chargers that are plugged in, but not actively charging anything like a phone, computer or tablet. That's vampire energy. Unplug every charger not connected to a device to save up to \$100 a year.

### **ENERGY SAVING TIPS:**

- Chargers can draw a small amount of electricity, even when the device they charge is not present. This adds up over time.
- You can reduce wasted energy by using an advanced power strip. An instant rebate is available at [AmerenMissouriSavings.com](http://AmerenMissouriSavings.com).



## **TASK** Cozy up on chilly evenings

Fall days can be warm, but nights get cool when the sun goes down early. Switching to a programmable or "smart" thermostat can keep the indoor temperature comfortable and save you up to \$180 in energy costs each year.

### **ENERGY SAVING TIPS:**

- Program your thermostat to automatically adjust and keep you warmer or cooler as the weather fluctuates throughout the day.
- Check out rebates on energy-saving smart thermostats at [AmerenMissouriSavings.com](http://AmerenMissouriSavings.com).



## **TASK** Let the light in

Locate which windows in your home get the most sunlight. Keep the curtains open during the day to fill the room with natural light and warmth from the sun.



### **ENERGY SAVING TIPS:**

- When the sun goes down, remember to close the curtains or blinds to keep the cold from coming in.
- Hang curtains as close to the windows as possible. Letting curtains fall onto a windowsill or floor can reduce heat loss up to 25%.

## **TASK** Glow like a jack-o'-lantern

Count the number of light bulbs both inside and outside your home. Consider replacing any incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs to save energy each month and light the way for trick-or-treaters to walk around the neighborhood safely.

### **ENERGY SAVING TIPS:**

- LED bulbs use at least 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting.
- Find replacement bulbs for about \$1 each at [AmerenMissouriSavings.com](http://AmerenMissouriSavings.com).

