

7 Tips

for Reducing Heating Costs in Apartments



It isn't always easy to make significant HVAC changes if you're renting an apartment or house, but making sure you're comfortable during the cooler months should be a priority. Use these tips to stay cozy all winter long.

✓ 1. Turn down the thermostat and bundle up.

While this may seem basic, ensuring you're wearing socks and sweaters can help you save on your monthly bill.

✓ 2. Hang curtains.

These will help reduce drafts and keep your home better insulated than the traditional blinds or shutters. Opt for blackout or quilted curtains for extra warmth.

✓ 3. Reverse your ceiling fan.

Operating your fan at a low speed clockwise helps push warm air down and keep you more comfortable.

✓ 4. DIY zone heating.

Stay cozy by staying in one room of the house with a space heater or blankets instead of trying to heat the entire home at once.

✓ 5. Eliminate air leaks.

Purchasing door stoppers, spackle to fill cracks, and asking your landlord about sealing windows and doors more effectively means you won't have cold drafts blowing in and making your HVAC work harder.

✓ 6. Use space heaters or heated blankets.

Using a heated blanket or hot water bottle when relaxing helps you get toasty without raising the thermostat.

✓ 7. Use a towel warmer in the bathroom.

This may seem a little silly, but a warm towel when you're fresh out of the shower makes a huge difference – plus, the warmer itself will act like a mini space heater in your bathroom and can help you stay warm without extra fuss. Just be careful to turn it off after use.