



Repair leaking faucets.

Resources data indicate that if you permanently lower your thermostat setting from 22°C to 20°C (27°F to 68°F) you will save about 10 percent on your fuel consumption.

Look at it in dollars. If you now spend \$300.00 a winter on heating, a 10 percent saving on fuel saves you \$30.00. For even more saving, they advise to drop your thermostat by 3°C (5°F) at night. So if your present temperature is 22°C (72°F) all the time, and you lower it to 20°C (68°F) during the day and cut it back another 3°C (5°F) at night, your combined saving could be 15 percent. This figure could be a little more or less depending upon insulation, local weather conditions and the cost of fuel.

There are two ways you can accomplish temperature setback and setup: by adjusting the thermostat manually at the proper times or by installing a new thermostat that will automatically lower the temperature at night and raise it again in the morning just before you get up. The automatic device involves some initial investment but this outlay is more than repaid in dependability and energy savings over a period of time.

Thermostat discipline may be the best energy saving habit you can develop but there are other ways to save energy through discipline. The most obvious is to train yourself to turn off lights that are not being used. Use fluorescent lights when you can. They are four times more efficient than incandescent bulbs.

Window, door and curtain discipline can help you save energy too. Learn habits that will help you make the most of all forms of energy available to you. During the day, for example, open drapes and shades on all windows that face the sun. Allow them to collect solar energy whenever it is available. Close drapes and shades at night to retain heat. Do the same with doors but leave storm doors closed.

Those are just a few ways you can save energy with good living habits. Is this endless niggling watching worth the effort? Yes! One US study of energy use compared two identical houses, side by side, occupied by families of similar size. The amount of energy used was recorded for each house. Consumption differed by 50 percent. Therefore, living habits make the difference.

If you would like to learn additional ways to save money send for the book entitled "100 ways to Save Money and Energy In The Home", office of Energy Conservation, Department of Energy, Mines, Resources Canada, 580 Booth Street, Ottawa, K1A 0E4

The Home Economics Branch has also short courses on energy conservation, if you or your branch is interested in learning more about energy conservation in the home, call or write your County Home Economist.

WILLISCROFT WINTER PROJECT

The Williscroft WI, Bruce East District were busy making a quilt for Participation Lodge and clown suits to be worn at the Paisley Beef Fest parade. Beef-on-a-bun was prepared and served by the WI. This event proved successful both as a community venture and financially.

The Branch also was involved in a project "Muffin and Jam Coffee Break held at the Flea Market at Paisley.



Williscroft WI, Bruce East District, members set up for coffee break. L-R Judy Grant, Gail Wolfe, Judy MacInnon, Branch President.



Queenston-St Davids WI, Lincoln District present life membership at 70th anniversary. L-R Mrs. A. D. Swayze, President presents life membership certificate and badge to Mrs. A. E. Huggins.