

**SAVING ENERGY \$'s ON HOT WATER**

There is one appliance in your home which uses more energy than all your other appliances combined. That energy-gobbling villain is your hot water heater. But there are lots of ways to cut down on hot water consumption. From simple hints to more sophisticated techniques, here are some ways to save energy and money on hot water.

1. Don't turn on the hot water tap unless you really need to. Train yourself not to use the hot water tap for washing vegetables, watering plants, and similar jobs.
2. When you need boiling water, start with water from the hot water tap.
3. Have a shower rather than a bath. It uses substantially less hot water.
4. If you do take a bath, let the water sit for an hour after you're finished. You might as well use that extra heat energy to warm your house rather than the sewer or septic tank.
5. Fix leaky hot water faucets. A slow drip could be costing you \$10 to \$20 or more per year in hot water bills.
6. If you have a wood stove, heat your dish water there instead of using water from your electric heater.
7. Insulate your hot water heater. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that 25 to 30 per cent of total hot water operating costs goes to replacing heat lost due to poorly insulated tanks. You can wrap your tank with insulation batts, or buy a "Thermo Saver" insulation kit. Though not yet available locally, this kit sells at the Mr. Conservit store in Ottawa for \$29, and pays for itself in lower energy costs within a year.
8. Insulate your hot water pipes too. Wrap them well with insulating strips, available at hardware and building supply store.
9. Drain sediment and mineral deposits from your hot water tank. Once a month, take a pail of water from the small tap near the bottom of your tank.
10. Lower your hot water heater's thermostat control. In most homes, the thermostat is set at around 150 degrees F. When you want some hot water, you mix that 150 degree water with cold water to lower it to 100 degrees. Why heat it up so high in the first place? Instead, remove the inspection plates from your heater and adjust both dials to 110-120 degrees.
11. Install a low-flow shower head. A good quality low-flow head will cut hot water usage by two-thirds, without any decrease in quality.
12. An on-off switch for your shower will add the final touch. Available for \$3 at Canadian Tire, this device enables you to switch off the water while you shampoo or lather, then switch it back on instantly at its original temperature. If you already have one, how about giving one to a friend as an energy-saving Christmas gift this year?

PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED  
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Actress Norma Edwards' one-woman portrayal of The Women of Margaret Laurence from the Manawaka novels has been much acclaimed across Canada and in the U.S.

Canadian author Margaret Laurence (Companion of the Order of Canada, 1971 and the Governor General's Award for fiction, 1975) has said of Norma Edwards' interpretations: "I found Norma Edwards' performance breath-taking. In turn, she became Vanessa (A Bird in the House), Rachel (A Jest of God), Stacey (The Fire-Dwellers), Morag (The Diviners), Hagar (The Stone Angel). Her range of voice and emotion and her deep understanding of all these women, brought the characters to life in front of our eyes. I was impressed and grateful."

NORMA EDWARDS' career began in British Columbia where she toured extensively throughout the province with The Players' Club. Following her move to Ontario in the early 50's she has been involved in radio, television and the stage, as actress, director and teacher. She taught Acting for the Drama Department of Queens University for nine years. Her most recent television credits include appearances with TV Ontario and the CBC. Among her stage credits are Martha in WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?, Millimant in THE WAY OF THE WORLD and the lead roles in the musicals HELLO, DOLLY! and MAME.

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Following the performance, the actors assist the children in discovering the more subtle aspects of the story. Also, the practical uses of mask and mime are explored, and the children learn how they can be used in their own playacting.

This program will be held in South Crosby Public School, Elgin on Tuesday, November 18th at 1:30 p.m.

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