

INFLUENCES ON ENERGY USAGE AND COSTS

The Maryland Attorney General's office wants you to know that you can save both money and energy by following some simple tips. The U.S. Department of Energy provides a helpful publication here: <https://energy.gov/energysaver/tips-booklet-distribution>. Additionally, here are some Maryland-specific tips you should be aware of:

- Looking for energy saving tips to help you save energy and money? Maryland state agencies and utility providers have programs that can help you save money on energy-saving improvements to your home. For more information see <http://energy.maryland.gov/Pages/Facts/empower.aspx>
- Considering adding insulation, installing energy-saving windows, or making energy-efficient improvements to your home? Home improvement contractors, including contractors who install insulation and windows, are required to be licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission. For more information, or to see whether your contractor is licensed, see <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/mhic/>



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Here are more Maryland-specific tips you should be aware of for saving energy and money:

- Looking to upgrade to a more energy efficient heating or air conditioning system? Heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors are required to be licensed by the HVACR Board. For more information, see <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/hvacr/>
- If you're looking to upgrade your water heater to a more energy-efficient model, your water heater must be installed by a plumber licensed by the Maryland Board of Plumbing. For more information, see <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/pl/>
- You may be entitled to grants for installing solar panels or other renewable energy sources in your home. For more information, visit the Maryland Energy Administration's website at <http://energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/incentives/CleanEnergyGrants.aspx>

