

# This Month on Energy Savers: December 2010

Energy Savers Blog

We've been busy all through the holiday season on [EnergySavers.gov](http://EnergySavers.gov) [1] and the [Energy Savers Blog](#) [2]. Here are some highlights.

## What's New or Noteworthy on Energy Savers

- 2010 marks the end of some [tax credits for energy efficiency](#) [3], while others are going strong through 2016. In addition, we're keeping a close eye on additional tax credits for 2011 – stay tuned to find out more.
- Our [Stay Warm, Save Money](#) [4] seasonal site has been updated with winter tips for keeping warm!

## On the Blog, In Case You Missed It...

### This Month

- [New TV Guide - EnergyGuide, That Is](#) [5]
- [Remember the Batteries - and Maybe a Charger?](#) [6]
- [Tax Credits, Appliance Rebates, and the End of 2010](#) [7]
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## Weekly Questions—Did You Share Your Answer?

- [How Do You Reduce the Amount of Energy Used by Your Televisions?](#) [12]
- [What Do You Think of Your LED Holiday Lights?](#) [13]
- [How Do You Reduce Energy Use from Computers and Electronics?](#) [14]
- [What Energy-Saving Gifts Are You Giving this Year?](#) [15]
- [What Improvements Have You Made for an Energy Efficiency Tax Credit?](#) [16]

## From the Archives: Careers in Energy Efficiency or Renewables

- [What Kind of Green Jobs Most Interest You?](#) [17]
- [Greening Your Job: Careers in Energy](#) [18]
- [Green Living, Green Technologies: Things to Be Thankful For](#) [19]

- [Question of the Week: Are You Considering an Energy-Related Career?](#) [20]  
(This one has 15 comments!)
- [Energize Your Career - Educational Opportunities in Renewables and Efficiency](#) [21]

### Comment Spotlight

**Rick J.** commented on "[What Do You Think of Your LED Holiday Lights?](#) [13]": "I did not like them at all. They are so cold looking. Too much blue, purple and green. The whites are almost a light purple. Need to be warmer and more inviting. Should be an easy fix. Change the color of the plastic housing to offset the cooler led. I would love the energy savings and the ability to plug multiple strands together, but until they warm up the colors, I don't want to look like the Grinch lives here."

**PH** also commented on the post above: "I have been switching to LED's as much as possible - with holiday lights and regular lighting. LED's are GREAT! The pre-lit tree is so nice, with little star-LED's. LED's use far less power, throw very little heat and the color has been dialed in perfectly (see: CREE LE6 LR6) My eyes are sensitive and CFL and fluorescent lights end up bothering me, LED's do not do this."

**Mark** commented on "[What Energy-Saving Gifts Are You Giving this Year?](#) [15]": "Good timing for an energy saving article about gifts for sure! We actually picked up programmable thermostats for two of our kids with their own homes. I know it's not much of a Christmas gift idea, but we always struggle to find unique gifts, and this presents me with an opportunity to spend a few hours with them also.  
- Spend a few hours helping to install them  
- Help them save energy and money year round!"

### Did You Know...

- Rebates for ENERGY STAR® appliances are still available in several states and territories. If you're in the market for an appliance, [check if your state is one of them](#) [22] before you buy. Look for additional rebates and incentives (such as your utility company) on the [Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency](#) [23].
- Share Energy Savers content on your own website or blog with your readers. Check out these [Energy Savers widgets, as well as others from EERE](#) [24].

Thanks for reading the blog and Web site, and stay tuned for more ways to save energy and money at home in 2011!

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