

This Month on Energy Savers: January 2012

Energy Savers Blog

In the coldest parts of winter, we've turned our thoughts toward the best seasonal tips, conservation of water and lighting power, and what's new in 2012. If you've missed any of January's posts, here's a recap.

What's New in 2012

- Are you looking for an easy way to save energy in your home quickly? Learn about the [New Lighting Facts Label](#) [1] to compare efficient light bulb choices and determine which ones may be best for your home.
- Learn about electric vehicles in [DOE's new Electric Vehicle 101 Video](#) [2] and connect with a handy listing of [calculators, fueling station finders, and financial incentives](#) [3].
- Thinking about installing renewable energy in your home? See which [renewable energy systems and products are eligible for tax credits through 2016](#) [4], and which credits expired in 2011.

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

This Month

- [Be a Lean, Mean, Green Eating Machine](#) [5]
- [Energy Department Announces Student Teams, New Location for Solar Decathlon 2013](#) [6]
- [New Lighting Facts Label: Takes the Guess Work Out of Shopping for Light Bulbs](#) [1]
- [Seasonal Tips](#) [7]
- [New Energy 101 Video: Electric Vehicles](#) [3]
- [Reducing Waste and Saving Energy with Composting](#) [8]
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Weekly Questions—Did You Share Your Answer?

- [What Are Your Favorite Winter Energy Savings Tips?](#) [12]
- [Have You Ever Tried Composting?](#) [13]
- [Have You Found Any Energy-Efficient Bargains?](#) [14]
- [FAQs: Have Tax Credits Been Extended Into 2012?](#) [4]

Comment Spotlight

Home Maintenance Tracker commented on [Have You Found Any Energy-Efficient Bargains?](#) [14]: "LED lights are also more durable than traditional lights. We all know how frustrating it can be for one light to break and shut down the rest of the string."

king singh commented on [Musings on Water \(and Power\)](#) [10]: "It takes about 1.75 gallons of water washed down the drain for the first hot water to arrive at the showerhead in the bathroom on the top floor, and only one gallon to the showerhead in the bathroom on the lower floor. Assuming five showers a week per person for 50 weeks (the rest of the time is at the gym or on vacation), that's 250 showers times .75 gallon wasted per person annually, What a great calculation"

Mike commented on [New Years Revolutions](#) [11]: "1. Use the travel mug I bought last year every time I buy coffee so I'm not using unneeded paper/plastic/styrofoam cups.
2. Try to be more conscious of the things I do daily that have an impact on the environment like turning water off while brushing my teeth or soaping up in the shower, etc.
3. Replace more bulbs with LEDs."

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