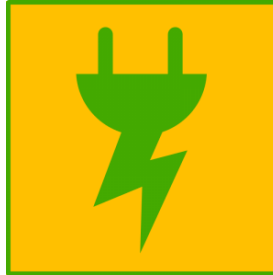


# ENERGY TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS



Buy or switch to energy-efficient EnergyStar lighting fixtures and bulbs. Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs wherever possible! They use only a fraction of the electricity.

Have the thermostat on your water heater reduced to no more than 120 degrees. If it's set for higher, you're probably wasting energy.

Get one of the new digital thermostats for your home's heating and cooling system. They have a setback feature that will save money!

Take steps to properly insulate your home.

Hang clothes to dry to save energy from running your dryer.

Check into the new solar systems. There are several resources for solar (and other renewable energy sources!) in North Carolina:

- **Duke Energy Solar Rebate Program**  
This is a \$62 million solar rebate program, which is part of House Bill 589's Competitive Energy Solutions for North Carolina law. Residential customers and nonresidential customers can participate in this program. Learn more about it by clicking [here](#).
- **NC Clean Energy Technology Center**  
Learn more about the Community Solar for the Southeast project. You could be eligible to sign up to receive a portion of the output of the system. More information about this project can be found on the [NC Clean Energy Technology Center website](#).
- **NC Sustainable Energy Association**  
NC SEA provides information on many renewable energy sectors in North Carolina. They have updated information to help answer any questions you may have regarding renewable energy efforts, including more information about solar rebates. Their website can be found at <https://energync.org>.