



Cold weather + increased usage = higher energy bill

Here are a couple of things you can do
to keep your usage under control.

- Keep your thermostat as low as comfortably possible. Instead of turning the heat up, dress appropriately for the weather and put on a cozy sweater and some warm socks.
- Clean or change your furnace filter regularly. At a minimum, change the filter every three months.

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Factors that impact your bill

Your monthly energy bill can vary based on these four factors. While you can't control all of them, it's important to be aware of how they may affect the price of your service each month.



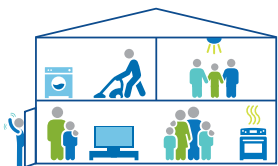
1 Usage

Did you remember to adjust your thermostat setting? The primary factor that impacts your monthly energy bill is usage – the amount of energy used during a billing cycle.



2 Weather

A couple of days of extreme weather – hot or cold – can make heating and cooling equipment run longer, increasing your energy use.



3 Household changes

More people in the house often means more lights are turned on and appliances are used more, or you may even make adjustments to the thermostat to make more people comfortable.

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4 Days billed

Fewer days in the billing cycle typically results in a lower energy bill, compared to a billing cycle with more days.

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