



Empty Home Energy Checklist

Decide which actions from the list below apply to your home and are worth the effort and disruption, depending on how long you plan to be away. Place a check mark under "TO DO" for those that you'll do, and then put a check mark beside each once it's done. When you come back, you can easily see the items you need to put back to normal and check them off as you do them. Some electrical devices that appear to be OFF are still consuming electricity. For more information, please visit www.masonpud3.org/emptyhome

HEATER / THERMOSTAT - up to 40% of a home's energy usage

- Turn all thermostats down to 50°F - 55°F
- Unplug all unattended space heaters
- Unplug electric blankets

WATER HEATER - up to 25% of a home's energy usage

- Fix leaky taps and pipes
- Adjust the water heater thermostat to 120°F (always recommended)
- Turn off the water heater at the electrical panel

REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER

- Defrost and unplug refrigerator/freezer and prop door open
- OR, adjust refrigerator thermostat to a warmer temperature
- Place plastic gallon jugs of water in refrigerator

ELECTRONICS

- Unplug all small electronic devices (e.g., clocks, humidifiers, etc.)
- Unplug all TVs, entertainment electronics, and computers, etc.
- Unplug all power adapters, chargers, and cordless charging devices
- Unplug microwave, coffee maker, and other appliances with clocks

LIGHTS

- Install timers or day/night sensors on indoor and outdoor security lights
- Unplug all night lights

WINDOW COVERINGS

- Close all curtains and drapes for insulation and security

OTHER HOME ELECTRONICS

- Unplug hot tub heater
- Unplug air conditioners
- Unplug water features
- OTHER:
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