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Black Hills Energy **Ready**



Forecasts are calling for arctic temperatures this weekend across our many areas in our service territories. We're [preparing for the cold weather](#) and encourage you to do the same.

Colder weather brings higher energy usage, which is why we are also encouraging conservation to help you save energy and money. When the temperature drops, it can take more energy to heat your homes and businesses, even if the thermostat is set to the same temperature.

Here are some helpful energy-conservation tips:

- Lower your temperature setting a few degrees to save energy and close curtains to keep warm air inside.
- Turn down your hot water heater to 120 degrees and ensure the water heater is insulated properly.
- Adjust your humidity. A well-humidified house at 68 degrees Fahrenheit is as comfortable as a dry house at 75 degrees.
- Make sure your fireplace damper closes tightly when you're not using it.
- Use kitchen, bath and other ventilation fans only as needed.
- If you plan on cooking multiple dishes, bake as many as you can at the same time.
- Skip the drying cycle on your dishwasher. Instead, prop the door open once dishes are washed and allow them to air dry.

PREPARE FOR COLD

Energy assistance

We understand that conservation and energy efficiency measures alone may not always be enough to help — we encourage customers struggling with monthly bills to explore our range of energy assistance programs and resources.

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