

Save on your energy bill this holiday season

Decorative lighting and stuffed ovens can certainly brighten your home during the holidays, but these traditions can also lead to an increase in energy usage. While FPL's typical residential bills are already among the lowest in the state, we are always looking for ways to help you save even more money. Here are some easy ways to save this holiday season:

Decorating Your Home

- 1. Use LED light strands which consume 70 percent less energy than incandescent ones.
- 2. Limit the use of inflatable decorations in the yard which can cost anywhere from \$2 \$9 each per month.
- **3. Use automatic timers** to turn off your lights and decorations while you are asleep.
- **4. Use extension cords** instead of light strings to add length to your holiday displays.

Cooking Tips

- 5. Choose glass or ceramic pans in the oven rather than metal ones.
- 6. Avoid peeking on your food.

 Ovens lose a lot of heat when opened and require significant energy to heat back up.
- 7. Use your slow cooker, microwaves and toaster ovens for side dishes or small meals.

Shopping Guide

- 8. Select energy-efficient electronics when buying gifts for your loved ones. For instance, opt for a laptop over a desktop computer which requires 50 to 80 percent less energy.
- 9. Look for the ENERGY STAR® logo when purchasing larger electronics or appliances as gifts. These models can reduce energy usage up to 40 percent.



