

# ENERGY ANSWERS

## HOW TO LOWER YOUR BILLS & STAY SUSTAINABLE THIS WINTER

At Washington Gas, providing safe, efficient, and reliable energy answers is our top priority. That's why we want to ensure that our customers know about these simple steps to save money and stay warm as temperatures drop:



### Tip 1

Keep your water heater below 120° Fahrenheit using the warm or low setting.



### Tip 2

Wash full loads of laundry and dishes, as opposed to numerous smaller loads.



### Tip 3

Use cold water for laundry and specially formulated cold-water detergents.



### Tip 4

Caulk and weather strip around doors and windows.



### Tip 5

Change or clean furnace and air filters once a month, and schedule an annual furnace or boiler check-up with a licensed professional.



### Tip 6

Consider installing high-efficiency appliances when possible.



### Tip 7

Look for the ENERGY STAR® energy-efficient product label when shopping for new appliances.



### Tip 8

Consider purchasing a programmable thermostat that automatically lowers and increases the temperature based on when you're home.