



Winter 2022 High Billing Tips

The District is seeing considerably higher December bills due to unusually low November temperatures. There were 27 days in the 30° range compared to last years 7 days. Here are some tips for lowering your utility bill. Remember, heating alone account for over 40% on average of power consumption during colder periods.

1. Take advantage of heat from the sun

Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

2. Cover drafty windows

Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of drafty window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame. Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.

3. Adjust the temperature

When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down 5°-10° from your usual setting. This change could save you 10% a year on your electric bill. A programmable thermostat can make this change easy.

4. Maintain your heating system

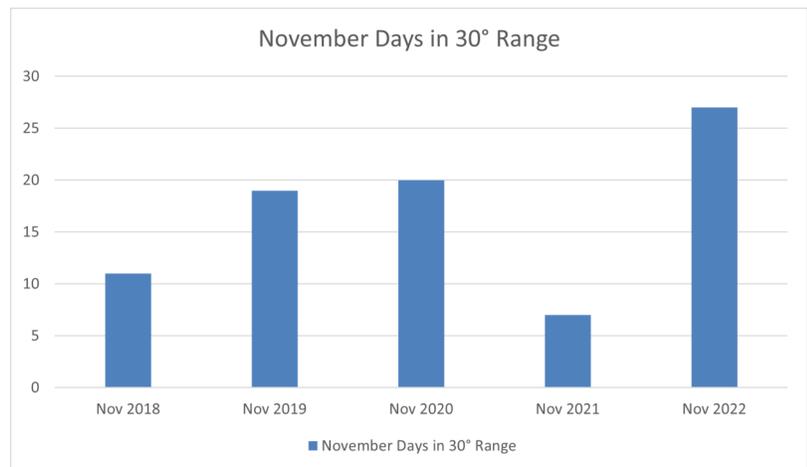
Schedule service for your heating system and replace your filter as recommended by the manufacturer, usually every 2-3 months, or as needed.

5. Reduce heat loss from the fireplace

Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney. When you use the fireplace, reduce heat loss by opening dampers in the bottom of the firebox (if provided), closing doors leading into the room, and lowering the thermostat while the fire is burning.

6. Lower your water heating costs

Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy and money, you'll avoid scalding your hands.



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- Warm Heart
- LIHEAP

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