



# Power Down Before You Go Out of Town Checklist

15 ways to save energy at home when you're away.

Hit the road without the headache of returning home to a hefty energy bill. Use the Power Down Before You Go Out of Town Checklist to keep energy use low.

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<b>HVAC and thermostat</b>		
<b>Set your thermostat to 55° F in the winter or 85° F in the summer.</b> Turn on vacation mode if you have a smart thermostat.		
<b>Unplug space heaters.</b> Stop "vampire" energy from sucking up your home energy savings.		
<b>Water heater</b>		
<b>Drop the thermostat to its lowest set point.</b> Turn on vacation mode if you have a newer model. (For gas water heaters, check your user manual.)		
<b>Refrigerator and freezer</b>		
<b>Set the refrigerator thermostat to 35° F–38° F and the freezer to 0° F–5° F.</b> Keep thermostats at these levels year-round for optimal energy efficiency.		
<b>Electronics</b>		
<b>Unplug all small electronic devices, e.g. de/humidifiers, kitchen gadgets, printers.</b>		
<b>Unplug all TVs, gaming consoles, entertainment devices, computers and laptops.</b>		
<b>Unplug all power adapters and charging devices.</b>		
<b>Unplug the microwave, toaster, coffee maker and appliances with an electronic clock.</b>		

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<b>Lights</b>		
<b>Turn off indoor and outdoor lights.</b> Install timers or light sensors on energy efficient indoor and outdoor security lights.		
<b>Window coverings</b>		
<b>Close all curtains, drapes and blinds.</b> Block out heat-producing sunlight.		
<b>Other energy-saving tips</b>		
Turn off ceiling fans and personal fans.		
Unplug the hot tub heater or drain/winterize hot tub.		
Turn off or lower the swimming pool heater. (Leave the pump on).		
Unplug air conditioners if they're not needed for humidity control.		
Unplug landscaping water features if they're not needed for aquatic life.		
<b>Add your own</b>		

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