



# TOP TEN RESOURCES

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You can also call us at **(443) 869-2614** or e-mail us at [info@baltimoreenergychallenge.org](mailto:info@baltimoreenergychallenge.org)

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## Baltimore Energy Challenge Energy Efficiency Program

Our free service will give you free CFLs, a programmable thermostat, and many other energy efficiency upgrades, as well as energy conservation advice. Schedule your free visit today by calling **443-869-2614**.

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## Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

For income-qualifying residents, WAP may be able to make your home more energy efficient with a variety of upgrades, all for free. Call 311 for more details.

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## Energy Assistance

Depending on your income, you may qualify for assistance paying your utility bills. For info on eligibility and how to apply, call 410-396-5555 or 311.

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## Green and Healthy Homes Initiative

The Coalition provides a comprehensive set of direct services to ensure families can address issues that undermine the health, energy efficiency and safety of their home. Learn more by calling **410-534-6447** or send an email to: [marylandprograms@ghhi.org](mailto:marylandprograms@ghhi.org).

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## TreeBaltimore

Planting just three strategically placed trees can decrease utility bills by 50% and planting trees provides your community with additional benefits such as storm water runoff reduction, improved air quality and neighborhood beautification. To learn more call **410-458-7888**.

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## BGE Peak Rewards

Help BGE reduce peak energy usage and get a credit on your bill. Eligibility: if you have central AC or an electric heat pump. 1-800-309-7325.

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## Tax Credits

Save money on efficient appliances and other home improvements! Go to the Partners section on the About page of the BEC website at [www.baltimoreenergychallenge.org](http://www.baltimoreenergychallenge.org).

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## Energy Retrofit Contractors

From insulation to solar panels, they'll help you do it all. Find a contractor at the BEC Marketplace at [www.baltimoreenergychallenge.org](http://www.baltimoreenergychallenge.org).

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## Home Energy Audits

Get a comprehensive analysis of your home, with detailed recommendations for improvements. Go to the Marketplace at [www.baltimoreenergychallenge.org](http://www.baltimoreenergychallenge.org).

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## BGE Rebates

Save serious money on energy efficient appliances, duct sealing, and more! Go to <http://www.bgesmartenergy.com/residential.html> to learn more.



# TOP TEN ACTIONS

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- 1**  **Switch to Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs)**  
CFLs use so much less electricity they pay for themselves in under 6 months. Get free ones from the BEC Energy Efficiency Program! Always remember to turn lights off when you leave a room!
- 2**  **Use Your Thermostat Wisely and/or Install a Programmable Thermostat**  
Set your thermostat to 68 degrees in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer. Using these recommended settings saves you money! You could save \$200 a year by installing and using one! Call **(443) 869 2614** to have the BEC Energy Efficiency program install a new programmable thermostat for free.
- 3**  **Wrap and Turn Temperature Down on Hot Water Heater**  
Buy an insulating jacket for your hot water heater, and turn the temperature down to 120 degrees. Call **(443) 869 2614** and the BEC Energy Efficiency Program will wrap it for free!
- 4**  **Get Low-Flow Showerheads**  
Low-flow showerheads have all the comfort of normal showerheads, but use less than half the hot water, saving you money every day. Free with the BEC Energy Efficiency Program!
- 5**  **Turn Stuff Off and Use Powerstrips to Do It!**  
Many devices in your home draw power when you're not using them and even when they're off, like TVs and cell phone chargers. Turn everything off, and hit the powerstrip to do it!
- 6**  **Wash Laundry Using Cold Water and Line Dry Your Clothes**  
Using cold water to wash your laundry can save up to 90% of your energy costs per load. That is \$200 a year in savings! Clothes dryers are one of the largest users of household energy, up to 12% of your monthly energy bill. Consider using a space saving retractable clothesline!
- 7**  **Increase Refrigerator Efficiency**  
Cleaning your refrigerator coils every 6 months and check temperature settings. We recommend keeping refrigerators at 37 degrees F and freezers at 3 degrees F.
- 8**  **Maintain Your Heating System**  
Space heating accounts for a whopping 31% of your yearly bill. Having your system regularly serviced, replacing furnace filters, utilizing reflective radiator panels and keeping vents, radiators and baseboard units unobstructed are all ways that you can save on your heating costs.
- 9**  **Insulate and Air Seal Your Home**  
Most Baltimore homes leak air and heat. You can do basic weatherization yourself with tools from a hardware store, or a professional can do an even better job!
- 10**  **Educate Your Family Members and Neighbors**  
It's no use turning the thermostat down if someone else immediately turns it up. Teach your family how to save money and energy! Next, teach your neighbors!