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Shining Together

## Control energy costs with small changes

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Wissahickon Valley Pa

Increased energy use during the winter months can lead to higher bills. You can save energy and money by following these tips and making a few energy efficiency improvements.

- Keep it sealed. Caulk around doors, windows, and any openings for utility services. Lock windows to reduce drafts. Close the fireplace damper when not in use.
- Reduce air leaks. You can save up to 10 percent\* on your energy bills by sealing around floors, walls, windows, ducts, vents, plumbing, etc.
- Manage your thermostat. When you are asleep or out of the house, try turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours to save approximately 10 percent\* on your heating bill. Consider a smart thermostat that connects to your mobile devices.
- Prepare for cooler weather. Remove screens and air conditioners from windows and install storm windows.

- Do not heat unused areas. Close vents in and shut doors to unused rooms, closets, and basements.
- Take advantage of the sun's heat. Open curtains on south-facing windows during the day and close them at night to reduce the chill.
- Shorter days and longer lights. Adjust outdoor lighting timers and replace older incandescent bulbs with new energy efficient LED bulbs.
- Energy efficiency programs, like energy assessments, can help customers save energy and money by identifying opportunities throughout a home.

Learn more at **peco.com/WaystoSave** 

\*Source: energystar.gov

### My Account makes it easy to:

- Track and monitor your energy use
- Receive high usage alerts
- Get energy saving tips all year long
- Enroll in payment arrangements

Sign up at peco.com/MyAccount





## Share some positive energy

Consider giving to PECO's hardship program, Matching Energy Assistance Fund (MEAF). Every dollar you donate to MEAF is matched 100 percent by PECO and given directly to customers in need. MEAF provides grants to qualifying customers whose service is disconnected, or in jeopardy of being disconnected for non-payment. Make a one-time donation or donate monthly through your PECO bill. Remember, PECO will match every dollar donated, and any amount can make a difference.

Visit **peco.com/MEAF** or call **800-403-6806** to sign up and manage your contributions.

### LIHEAP means security. Get up to \$1,000 to pay your PECO energy bill

Get ready for cooler weather with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). You may be eligible for a cash grant that helps pay your PECO bill—and you'll never have to pay back the grant money. Use the online portal to see if you qualify. Residents must re-apply each year.

### New this year: Fill out the forms once and you're done!

Customers applying for LIHEAP now have the option to allow the Department of Human Services (DHS) to share LIHEAP income and household information with public utilities. Just check the box on your LIHEAP application to indicate your authorization to share your income and household information with PECO. Visit peco.com/LIHEAP or call 800-34-HELP-4 to learn more.



### Need help paying your bill? PECO can help.

**Payment arrangements**—Visit peco.com/Help to learn more about our individually tailored payment installment plans and submit a request.

Avoid seasonal peaks with budget billing— By making equal payments all year long it's easier to manage your energy dollars.

**Choose your own due date**—Pick a date that works for you. Your new date

will fall within a seven-day range, the earliest being the day you select.

Apply early for Energy Assistance Programs— LIHEAP is open. Apply now – funds are limited.

**Check out the PECO Assistance Finder**—Get help with your energy bill tailored just for you.

To learn more, visit **peco.com/Help** 

On the cover: Wissahickon Valley Park is 2,042 acres and 50 miles of woodland trails surrounding the Wissahickon Creek between the Montgomery County border and the Schuylkill River. Visit fow.org

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