



## HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR ELECTRIC BASEBOARD HEATERS, AND BETTER MANAGE YOUR ELECTRICITY BILLS.

If your home is heated by electric baseboard heaters, those heaters probably account for the largest chunk—about 44%—of your total yearly bill. By contrast, your kitchen appliances probably only take up about 12%, and your lighting about 9%.

In other words, if you want to reduce your energy bills, it pays to make sure you are using your baseboard heaters effectively and that they are working efficiently.



### TURN YOUR HEATERS DOWN WHEN YOU CAN

The biggest advantage of electric baseboard heaters is that you can control them room-by-room, which allows you to have one room warmer or cooler than another.



### CHOOSE THE COOLEST TEMPERATURE

When you can, turning the heat down from 21°C (70°F) to 16°C (61°F) at night can save you as much as 10% on your energy bills. Do the same when you are at work or away to save even more.



### SWITCH TO PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTATS

You set it once—for example, to turn down to 16°C at 10:00 p.m. and turn back up to 21°C at 6:30 a.m. — and it will continue to automatically adjust the room temperature to your preferences.



### RESIST TEMPTATION

Turning your thermostat up to a temperature higher than you actually want it only increases your energy bill—especially if you forget to turn the thermostat back down quickly.



### CLEAN YOUR HEATERS REGULARLY

Dust and dirt can make your heaters inefficient. At least once a year (before you first turn your heaters on in the fall), use your vacuum cleaner to remove as much dust as you can from each of your heaters.



### KEEP YOUR HEATERS CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS

The key to efficient baseboard heating is airflow: anything blocking the flow of air into or out of an electric baseboard heater will decrease its energy efficiency.



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