

Customers Can Save Energy and Money even in Winter

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.— As temperatures drop and winter officially has started, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) wants customers to know that cold weather doesn't have to lead to higher energy costs. Find the best ways to manage the energy bills.

"We are here to help our customers with easy ways to manage cold weather energy costs. The first days of winter is a good time to follow some simple tips and take advantage of available programs that PG&E offers," said Laurie Glammona, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at PG&E Corporation.

Ways to Save Energy this Winter

Try these ideas to help you stay warm and safe this winter.

- **Lower your thermostat when away:** Save one percent on heating costs per each degree lowered over an eight hour time frame.
- **Control water temperature:** Set water heater thermostat at 120 degrees or lower. Save 10 percent in water heating costs for every ten degrees lowered.
- **Microwave and save:** Reheating leftovers in a microwave takes less time and uses up to 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.
- **Upgrade Lighting:** LED's use at least 75 percent less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting.
- For more tips on saving energy this winter, visit www.pge.com/winter.

Helping Customers Budget for Energy

- **Get started with an online account:** Sign up to access Your Account at pge.com to stay on top of your energy usage and choose rate plan options that work best for you and your family. Contact our dedicated rates hotline at 1-800-743-0514 with questions.
- **Sign up** for PG&E [Bill Forecast Alerts](#). Set your personal budget threshold to get an alert when your bill is forecast to exceed your threshold. Alerts are sent via email, text, or phone call.
- **Find ways to make your home more efficient:** Take a free online [Home Energy Checkup](#). Answer some questions about your home in less than five minutes and learn how much you spend on heating, cooling, hot water and more. Get customized tips to make your home more efficient and cut back on energy costs.

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