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10 EASY WAYS TO SAVE

When it comes to energy, small changes can add up to big savings. Try these easy tips to help reduce your electric usage throughout every area of your home.

At OUC, we are committed to environmental stewardship all year, providing products and services that support a more sustainable community. This Earth Month, take some simple steps to help conserve energy and lower your electric bill.

10 EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY & MONEY

- 1 **Adjust Your Thermostat** – Keep it at 78°F or higher in summer and 68°F or lower in winter to save up to 8% on energy costs. However, if higher temperatures pose a health risk, adjust accordingly for your safety.
- 2 **Maintain Your HVAC Unit** – Clear the area around it to improve efficiency by up to 15%.
- 3 **Use Ceiling Fans Wisely** – Rotate counterclockwise in summer, clockwise in winter, and turn off when leaving the room.
- 4 **Control Sunlight Exposure** – Block heat in summer and let warmth in during winter with blinds or drapes.
- 5 **Change Air Filters** – A clean filter keeps your system running efficiently.
- 6 **Seal Air Leaks** – Use weather stripping and caulking to reduce energy waste.
- 7 **Use Appliances Efficiently** – Wash full loads and use cold water when possible.
- 8 **Clear Dryer Vents** – Improves efficiency and prevents fire hazards.
- 9 **Unplug Devices** – Many electronics drain power even when turned off.
- 10 **Adjust Water Heater Temperature** – Set it to 120°F to prevent energy waste.

Sign up for a **FREE** home energy efficiency audit today by calling **407-423-9018**.

JOIN OUC FOR EARTH MONTH EVENTS!

Celebrate sustainability this April and take part in our special Earth Month events:

- **April 19** – Central Florida Earth Day @ Lake Eola (10 a.m.–6 p.m.)
- **April 1-2** – Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts - UCF Celebrates the Arts (featuring OUC's Water Color Project rain barrels)
- **April 26** – Earth Day Celebration @ Veterans Memorial Library in St. Cloud (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

By making small changes in your home and participating in community events, you can help protect the planet while saving money. Let's work together for a greener future!



OUC Recognized with Restoring Communities Award

OUC has once again received the Restoring Communities Award from the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA), recognizing our company's commitment to mutual aid and community resilience throughout 2024. OUC has earned this honor every year since its inception in 2016.

The 2024 award highlights OUC's critical role during a challenging hurricane season. Our teams restored power locally and in Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana after multiple storms, including Hurricanes Debby, Helene, Milton, and Francine. Beyond storm response, the award reflects OUC's dedication to strengthening public power infrastructure and ensuring reliability, reaffirming our commitment to restoring power and hope when it's needed most.



Cool Savings: Get Rebates on Energy-Efficient Home Upgrades!

Stay cool and save with OUC's residential rebate program. Upgrade your home's energy efficiency and get money back on your bill.

- **Duct Replacement/Repair** – Stop leaks and boost A/C performance with a 100% covered rebate up to **\$100**, plus save **\$60** annually.
- **Ceiling Insulation** – Keep heat out and comfort in with a rebate of **10¢** per sq. ft., saving you up to **\$500** annually.
- **A/C Unit Upgrade** – Install a high-efficiency system and get up to **\$1,150** back, plus save **\$615** annually.

Apply within six months of your upgrade to claim your rebate.

**Estimated savings based on average savings from past OUC rebate participants.*

***Replacement based on a 3 Ton unit.*



Visit [OUC.com/rebates](https://www.ouc.com/rebates) for more information.

New Website, Same "Reliable One"

Exciting changes are coming to [OUC.com](https://www.ouc.com) in April! We're giving our website a fresh, more user-friendly look across all devices. Your account access and the way you do business with OUC will remain the same. However, navigating the site will be easier, whether you're applying for a rebate, or signing up for a program. Plus, [OUC.com](https://www.ouc.com) and myOUC will now be available in English and Spanish.

Learn more at [OUC.com/new-website](https://www.ouc.com/new-website).



Changes Coming Soon for Residential Solar

OUC's net metering policy and residential rooftop solar program are changing effective **July 1, 2025**. For details, please visit [OUC.com/TruNet](https://www.ouc.com/TruNet).

Para ver toda nuestra información en español, por favor visite [espanol.ouc.com](https://www.espanol.ouc.com).



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