



9. Drive Green with Mass Energy

Makes choosing an electric car easier and more affordable... for anyone!

Walk, bike, or take mass transit whenever you can--but your next car should be electric! Electric vehicles (EVs) are cheaper and cleaner to drive per mile than gas-guzzlers. Participate in **Drive Green with Mass Energy** to get a discount to purchase or lease a top EV model at a participating dealer.

Get started: massenergy.org/DriveGreen



10. Other programs

Learn about all of Mass Energy's programs at massenergy.org/programs.

Heat with oil?

Join our *Discount Heating Oil Service* and save money through collective buying power!

Green your electricity!

New England Wind and *New England GreenStart* let you match 100% and 25% of your electricity with clean, local, renewable resources. It's easy, effective, and tax-deductible.

Energy Efficiency Tips

Save energy. Save money. Save the environment.



Massachusetts is the most energy efficient state in the nation!*
(2011-2016)

Find out how to take advantage of statewide rebates and no-cost services for your home.

*According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy



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massenergy.org/energy-efficiency



The cleanest and cheapest energy is the energy you do not use.

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1. Energy Assessment

Sign up for a no-cost home energy assessment through Mass Save. Contact Mass Save at **1-866-527-7283** or visit **MassSave.com**. During your assessment, an energy professional will look for your biggest opportunities to save energy. Rebates on insulation, Energy Star® qualified appliances, and more are available for gas, oil, propane, and electricity customers, regardless of household income.

Note: If you live in a municipal utility district, please call them directly for information on no-cost assessments, rebates, and programs in your area.

“ Not only did we save money on heating costs last winter; the house was more comfortable. The drafts and coldness were gone.”

Mary McCarthy

Boston resident who took advantage of no-cost home energy assessment and weatherization services



2. Insulate & Air Seal

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During your home energy assessment, your energy specialist will tell you if there are places where your home could be made more energy efficient. You will also be given a personalized report listing rebates and incentives that can help you pay for plugging air leaks and insulating. If you need insulation and air sealing or other energy system upgrades, your energy specialist can offer you a contract for that work or refer you to qualified contractors.



3. Thermostats

Set thermostats to 68°F or lower in winter when you're home and 55°F when you go to bed or when you're away. In the summer, keep your air conditioner set to 80°F or higher and make sure it is turned off during the day when you're not at home. An Energy Star® qualified programmable thermostat can do this automatically.



4. Lighting

Replace your incandescent bulbs with LEDs, which start faster, last longer, and use less energy than compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). You can find LEDs at local hardware stores and supermarkets. Choose Energy Star® rated LEDs for reliable quality.



5. Water Heating

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Water heating is the third largest energy user in the average home. Purchase a new Energy Star®-rated water heater if yours is old. We recommend you look into indirect water heaters, heat pump, or hybrid water heaters. (Tip: They need plenty of space and air flow to work well!) Learn more at energy.gov/energysaver/selecting-new-water-heater and always take advantage of rebates at **MassSave.com**. Other tips: Set your hot water thermostat to 120 degrees. Take showers instead of baths, use low-flow shower heads and faucets, and wash clothes in cold water.



6. Energy Star Appliances

Look for the Energy Star® logo when you buy major appliances, light bulbs, windows, and many other products. The logo indicates that the product is energy efficient. For example, the purchase of an Energy Star® refrigerator could pay for itself in 2-4 years! To find the most efficient appliances, go to aceee.org/consumer.



7. Rebates & Tax Credits

Rebates for a number of upgrades can be found at **MassSave.com** and are offered at the time of a no-cost energy assessment (see Section 1). Other tax credits and rebates can be readily found at energystar.gov.



8. Renewable Energy

You can easily buy green power through Mass Energy! Visit massenergy.org/green to learn more. And if you have an unshaded, south-facing roof, now is a great time to go solar. See dsireusa.org for details on incentives. Also, check out Mass Solar Connect for a limited time: massenergy.org/solar



Heat with oil?

Maintain and service your heating system. Get a tune-up and cleaning every year. Make sure your service contractor checks the efficiency of your system at that time—and gives you a written report. If your heating system's combustion efficiency is below 80%, it may be time for replacement. Highly efficient heating systems can have an 11% return on investment (tax free)! Read "Maintain your heating system and SAVE" at massenergy.org/energy-efficiency (or call us and we'll mail you a copy).

Learn more: massenergy.org/energy-efficiency