

# PNM Residential Tips for Renters



## How to be more energy efficient and conserve energy

### Kitchen

- ❑ Avoid placing heat-producing appliances near your refrigerator so it doesn't have to work so hard to stay cold.
- ❑ Keep your refrigerator temperature set between 36 and 40 degrees and your freezer at zero degrees for most efficient operation.
- ❑ Avoid opening the oven door before time is up – if you're looking, you're not cooking! Each time you open the door, the temperature drops 50 to 100 degrees.

### Laundry Room

- ❑ Only run the washer with full loads, but don't overload it. An overloaded washer has to work harder and uses more energy.
- ❑ Keep a laundry basket near the dryer. Fold clothes right out of the dryer and place them in the basket to avoid having to iron later.
- ❑ When possible, hang your clothes to dry to save energy.
- ❑ Clean dryer lint vents before every load for maximum efficiency.

### Living Room

- ❑ Save energy and money with a programmable thermostat.
- ❑ Lower the thermostat a degree or two before you entertain a large number of guests. They naturally generate heat.
- ❑ Reduce phantom energy use by unplugging electronics when not using them. If a light is on, the device still pulls energy, even when it's powered off.

### Bathroom

- ❑ Conserve water by encouraging your family to take showers rather than baths. Showers use about half as much hot water.
- ❑ Repair leaky faucets. A steady drip of hot water can waste many gallons of water a month, along with all the energy it took to heat it.

### All Rooms

- ❑ Use the Online Home Energy Analyzer to learn how your home uses energy. It's free. Visit [pnm.energysavvy.com](http://pnm.energysavvy.com).
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