

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT!

As the weather gets cooler and we spend more time indoors, the holidays can also bring increased energy use and a higher risk of electrical and fire hazards.

Our team at Hancock-Wood cares about your well-being. Here are a few practical tips to help you stay safe and efficient during the holiday season.

- ▶ Check electrical cords and light strands to make sure they aren't frayed or damaged. Also double-check the lights outside to make sure they're rated for outdoor use.
- ▶ While festive, candles can create fire hazards and should never be left unattended. One of the best and easiest ways to safeguard your home is to test smoke alarms often.
- ▶ Since heating and cooling make up the majority of home energy consumption, the thermostat is one of the best places for savings. Lower it a

few degrees, especially when you have family or friends stopping by.

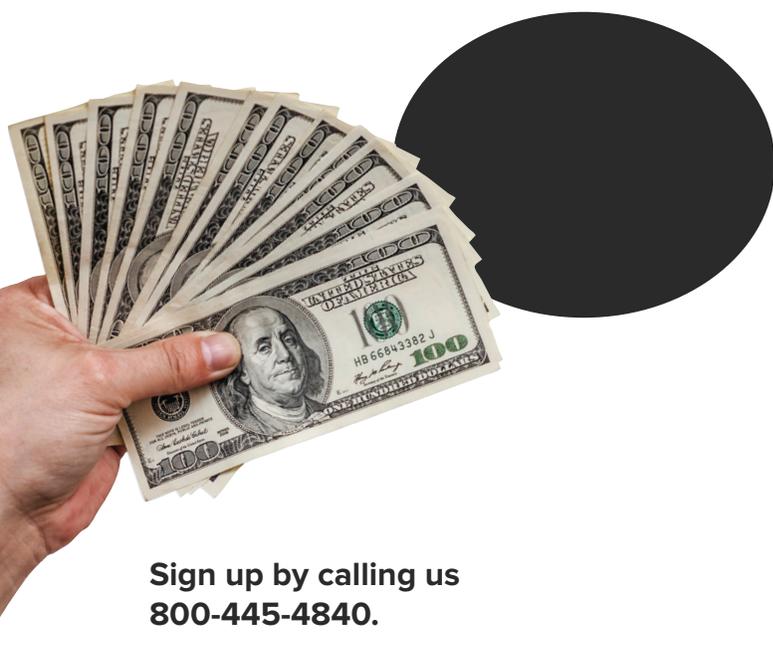
- ▶ Cook with smaller countertop appliances, such as air fryers, slow cookers, and toaster ovens. These handy appliances consume a fraction of the energy used to heat the oven, creating the perfect recipe for mealtime and energy savings.



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