SUBJECT LINE: A thank you message + fall savings tips **\*** PREHEADER: Check out these ways to save energy this fall.



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It takes a community to make an impact. Thank you for being a valued BGE customer and supporting BGE's efforts to manage peak electric demand. Did you know BGE offers a variety of free tools and resources to help you save energy around your home? We've gathered our top energy-saving resources on the Rewarding News page.



### Learn about:









How to avoid surprises on your bill by signing up for High Usage Alerts. How to find out what uses the most energy in your home with an online Home Energy Analysis. Where to find printable activities and virtual learning resources to teach children about saving energy from the comfort of your home.

More recommended energy-saving tools and tips.

## GET THE TIPS

# Take the next step.

We understand this isn't a typical year. From teaching at home to working from home, many of us are spending more time where we live. If you're looking for ways to save energy while in stay-at-home mode, here are some ideas:



**Find just the right light.** Open curtains and blinds to use natural light, or use desk lamps instead of whole-room lighting when you can. You can save \$45 each year by replacing your home's five most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs with ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> models.



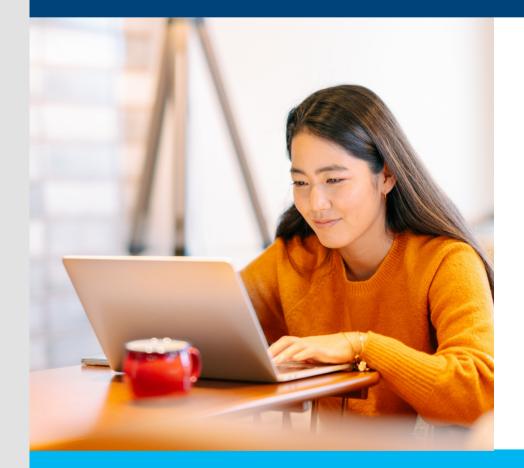
**Manage "phantom" energy users.** When working or learning at home, you may be using more electronic devices. Using an advanced power strip can save up to \$100 per year by reducing electricity waste when devices are idle.



**Rethink the sink.** Using the dishwasher instead of scrubbing, rinsing and drying each dish can save you over 230 hours of personal time a year. Washing dishes in a new ENERGY STAR certified dishwasher instead of hand-washing them can also cut your utility bills by about \$111 per year.



**Cook with care.** Cooking on the stove top? A 6" pot on an 8" burner wastes over 40 percent of the burner's heat. Using the right-sized pot on stove burners can save about \$36 annually for an electric range, or \$18 for gas.



# Check out more helpful resources.

Staying on top of your energy usage is key to saving on your energy costs. Sign up for BGE's My Account and log in for tools to help you understand your home's energy use. You can also sign up for billing, outage and severe weather alerts, access your Home Energy Report and more.

## GO TO MY ACCOUNT

# Stay in touch with BGE.

Download the BGE App for access to your BGE account anytime, anywhere, from your smartphone or tablet. You can pay your bill, report your outage, stay up to date on the restoration status, check your usage and more.



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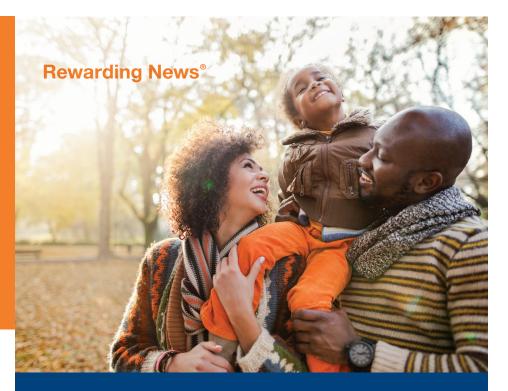
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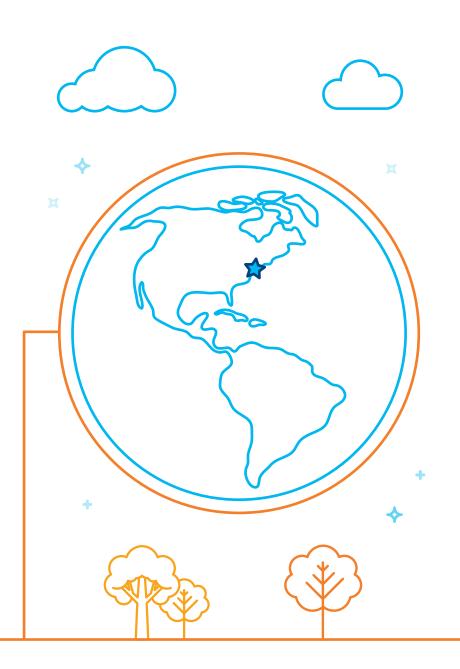


Another season, another reason to appreciate you!

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### You'll learn about:





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