



Spring Into Energy Savings

Spring is the perfect time to take advantage of warmer weather and refresh your home. Routinely maintaining your home's appliances/equipment and keeping things clean can positively impact your energy usage throughout the year.

Read on to learn ways you can make the most of longer days, how to maintain your home this spring, and tips for conserving energy in your kitchen. Plus, we share a special shoutout to our linemen and a reminder about safe digging practices before starting your spring yard work.

Energy Saving Opportunities for the Warmer Weather



Take Advantage of Extra Daylight

With the extra sunlight that comes from longer days, you can enjoy lower energy bills when you embrace the sun's rays both in and outside your home.

- Open blinds for natural lighting
- Sign up for our [Friendly City Solar Program](#)
- Use solar-powered yard lights
- Turn off the TV and enjoy time outdoors

Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

As you start your spring cleaning, don't forget about your home maintenance needs. Making sure your systems are in good working condition is an easy way to help conserve energy as we move into the warmer months.

- ✓ Change HVAC filters
- ✓ Dust and vacuum all vents
- ✓ Replace batteries in your smoke detectors
- ✓ Clean out your dryer vent
- ✓ Reverse the direction of ceiling fans
- ✓ Drain your water heater
- ✓ Tune-up any lawn maintenance equipment
- ✓ Inspect caulking around doors and windows
- ✓ Clear overgrown brush or debris from around your outdoor HVAC unit

April is National Safe Digging Month

Before you pick up the shovel to start your next landscaping project, remember to call 811. Utility lines often run below properties, so it's always best to be safe and call before digging to have all underground utility lines marked and help prevent damage.

It's also important to practice safety when it comes to trees and above-ground utility lines. To help with this, HEC removes qualifying trees that may impact our utility lines. You can find out more about how to have a tree removed and get reimbursed [on our website](#).

[More Safe Digging Information](#)



Conserving Energy in Your Kitchen

- **Dishwasher:** Run full loads, avoid blocking dispensers or spray arms, and choose the shortest wash cycle whenever possible.
- **Refrigerator/Freezer:** Keep coils and vents clean, don't overload the refrigerator or freezer, and avoid leaving the doors open for extended periods of time.
- **Stove/Oven:** Choose the oven over the stove when possible, use pots and pans that fully cover a cooking surface, and bake multiple dishes simultaneously to conserve energy.



[Additional Ways to Save in the Kitchen](#)

A Word of Thanks



Linemen Appreciation Day, April 18th

Our linemen are a crucial part of our community, being the hands-on team members who provide electricity to Harrisonburg.

Thank you to our incredible linemen for your hard work and dedication! We are continuously grateful for the work you do every day.

Mark Your Calendar

April 18 - Linemen Appreciation Day

April 22 - Earth Day

May 27 - Closed for Memorial Day

June 19 - Closed for Juneteenth

June 20 - First Day of Summer

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