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The President's Corner

Ah! The warm sunny weather, the fragrance of flowers blooming, and the smell of backyard grills permeating the air; it must be summer time again. Yes residents of Rolling Ridge it's that time of the year again. It's a time we all look forward to enjoying again after the crisp cold winter weather. Fortunately, this winter was different.

We survived the annual Milton yard sales, many of us selling items no longer needed or wanted by us anymore; those items becoming someone else's treasure.

One thing of notice that I would ask all be aware of was individuals that visited our neighborhood depositing trash in the streets. If we witness this, we should all be good stewards and ask the individual to dispose of their trash properly.

Please help to keep our neighborhood looking pristine. Have a great, safe, and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,

John E. Shoop

President of Phase III Association. ❖

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Rolling Ridge is a friendly and growing community. If you see new neighbors out and about, make sure you stop and say hello to welcome them to the community.

DALE & NANCY COCHRAN
11 Sylvan Court

JAMES & DANIELLE EARP
35 Rolling Ridge Drive

STACY ROARTY
5 Farmview Court



10 Easy Ways to Save on Energy at Home

Excerpts taken from Mother Earth News published on the internet
www.motherearthnews.com/Renewable-Energy/Save-Money-On-Energy

These days, it's more of a win-win than ever to save on energy. Every time you lower your utility bills, you put more money back in your bank account. And lower energy bills also means less energy consumed, which means less harmful emissions released into our environment. And what makes this an even better deal is you don't have to overhaul your home (or buy a new one) to make it more energy efficient. There are many easy, effective things that you can do, with little investment and little or no DIY experience, to save energy at home. Here's a list of 10 ideas to get you started.

1. MINIMIZE PHANTOM LOADS

The term "phantom load" refers to the energy that an appliance or electronic device consumes when it is not actually turned on. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), "In the average home, 75 percent of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off." A report from the University of California Berkeley says that phantom loads account for about 6 percent of all national residential electricity consumption. You can eliminate phantom loads by unplugging appliances and electronics when you are not using them, or by plugging them into a power strip, and turning the strip off when they are not in use.

2. USE MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

If you are shopping for new appliances, make sure to look for the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star label before making a purchase. Energy Star appliances use between 10 and 50 percent less energy and water than their conventional counterparts. They may cost more than appliances without the Energy Star designation, but in most cases they will more than make up that additional cost through energy savings.

3. CHANGE YOUR LIGHT BULBS

One of the least expensive and most effective changes you can make in your home is replacing your light bulbs. According to Energy Star, one of its qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL), which cost just a few dollars, "will save about \$30 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about 6 months. It uses 75 percent less energy and lasts about 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb."

Although some people are concerned because CFLs contain mercury, Energy Star says that CFLs do not release any mercury when in use, and actually reduce mercury emissions because they lessen the need for electricity from power plants that emit mercury.

4. INSTALL A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT

Programmable thermostats work by automatically adjusting your home's temperature to your schedule, keeping it comfortable only when you need it to be. If you don't already adjust your thermostat throughout the day, a programmable thermostat could save you as much as 15 percent on heating and cooling costs.

5. USE FANS FOR COOLING

In the summer, use stationary, ceiling and whole-house fans to cool your home, reducing the need for air conditioning. [Simple Ways to Cool Your Home and Save Big](#) explains that for every degree you raise your thermostat, you reduce your cooling costs between 7 and 10 percent.

6. SEAL AIR LEAKS

In addition to thinking about whether your home has enough insulation, you should also look for any small cracks and gaps where air is leaking into and out of your home. Energy Star says that between improving insulation and sealing leaks, homeowners could potentially [save 10 percent](#) on their annual energy bill.

7. MAKE WINDOWS MORE EFFICIENT

Even if you seal windows well, window glass is a thin barrier against outside temperatures. If you can afford it, install new storm windows in your home. [How to](#)

[Make Your Home Energy Efficient](#) explains that storm windows reduce temperature loss by sealing leaks and creating a dead airspace between window panes. If you can't install new storm windows, there are other simple and inexpensive ways to improve the energy efficiency of your windows. You can cover windows with transparent material to improve insulation.

8. IMPROVE INSULATION

The Energy Star program estimates that [more than 50 percent](#) of a home's energy use goes toward heating and cooling. Beefing up the insulation in your house's attic, walls, floors and ceilings slows the flow of air between inside and outside, making it easier to control your home's temperature. The easiest place to add insulation in your home is the attic.

9. CONSERVE WATER

Using less water will lower your water bill. And when you use less hot water, you'll also see savings in your gas bill, or your electric bill if you have an electric water heater. To cut down on water use, take faster showers and be conscious of the water you use when washing dishes and clothes and preparing food. You can also save energy by lowering your hot water temperature. According to DOE, a water thermostat setting of 120 degrees is sufficient for most uses.

10. PLANT TREES AND SHRUBS

Planting shade trees around your home can lower your summer energy bill by reducing your home's exposure to the sun. DOE says that if they are planted 1 foot away from your home, they create a dead airspace that shields against cold or hot outdoor temperatures.

Community Reminders from The Administrative Office

Garbage - should be put in garbage cans when possible to prevent animals and birds from tearing bags open before pick-up. Please let the administrative office know if you are putting out extra bags so B & W can be notified ahead of time. Grass trimmings can be put out if notice given and bags are not too heavy.

Garbage service is available under a group contract with B & W Disposal at the following rates: \$12 a month for 1 bag Tuesday, 1 bag Friday and \$16 a month for 2 bags Tuesday, 2 bags Friday. If you wish to take advantage of these group rates, please contact the administrative office at 742-3455.

Playgrounds - Please remind children and young adults to use the two playgrounds and not the streets for play areas. Bicycles, skateboards and general play in the streets put children and young adults at risk from vehicles traveling our development. Drivers need to be extra vigilant during the summer months as school is out and children / young adults are not always as careful as needed. Please slow down and stop at all stop signs.

Dogs are to be leashed when not on your property and dog waste MUST be picked up when walking your dog. This is a Borough ordinance as well as a Rolling Ridge covenant and restriction. Remember the development has a limit on the number of pets per household. Consult your covenants and restrictions or call the administrative office with any questions.

Light Posts - For those having trouble with their post lights, a recommendation has been made for Phillips brand Energy Saver 60 Outdoor Postlight Bulb. They last several years according to the homeowner currently using this bulb. They are available at Home Depot.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

ANY work done on the outside of your home such as adding landscaping, sheds, patios, decks, etc., must be approved by the ARC committee.

For single family, contact Tom Lang

For townhomes, contact Pat Sheatler

If you do the work without approval, you are in violation of the covenants and restrictions.





Upcoming Events

Rolling Ridge Women's Group

A social group has been started for Rolling Ridge resident women. It's a way to meet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments and conversation. Please feel free to join us, and bring a friend. We usually meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. If you want to be notified of activities and meeting dates, email me at carolh@ptd.net and I will put you on the email list

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If you have some local news like someone's graduation, birthday, milestone anniversary, accomplishment, or perhaps an article that might be of interest to Rolling Ridge residents, contact the editor for inclusion in this newsletter.