

# ***YOUR VIRTUAL ENERGY SAVINGS KIT GUIDEBOOK***



# MADE FOR YOUR HOME

Thank you for requesting a Virtual Energy Savings Kit. At Evergy and Spire, we're here to help you save energy and money—while staying comfortable and safe in your home.

## HOW YOUR VIRTUAL ENERGY SAVINGS KIT WORKS

Before your scheduled appointment time, your Energy Efficiency Professional will provide you with details about how to get in touch via phone or video chat.

During your appointment, you'll:

- **Answer questions about your home** that will help your Energy Efficiency Professional understand any comfort issues you may have, such as being too hot or too cold.
- **Walk through your home**, looking at thermostat settings, lighting and more.
- **Identify small changes** you can make—with your Energy Efficiency Professional's guidance—that can help you reduce energy use and costs.
- **Find out what products** you may receive in your free Energy Savings Kit.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT

Use this guide to prepare for the topics your Energy Efficiency Professional will want to review and discuss with you. Remember to write down any questions you have so you can discuss them during your appointment.

# THERMOSTATS

When the outside temperature is hot or cold, your heating and cooling system has to work harder, and requires more energy to keep your home comfortable. Learning how and when to adjust your thermostat for maximum effectiveness and efficiency can reduce energy costs and help you stay comfortable no matter the weather.



## Check

What type of thermostat do I have?

There are three types of thermostats you might have:



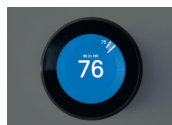
**Manual**



**Programmable**



**Smart (Wi-Fi connected)**



If you're not sure what type you have, your Energy Efficiency Professional can make that determination during your appointment.



Visit [evergy.com](https://www.evergy.com) to learn more about smart thermostat discounts and annual incentive bonus. Visit [spireenergy.com](https://www.spireenergy.com) to find out about discounts on programmable and smart thermostats.

# COOLING AND HEATING

As much as half of the energy used in your home goes toward cooling and heating. The first step to making your cooling and heating systems more energy efficient is to find out what type of equipment you have.



## Check

What type of cooling system do I have?

There are three types of cooling systems you might have:



**Central A/C or Heat Pump**



**Ductless Mini-Split**



**Room A/C**



Visit [evergy.com](https://evergy.com) and [spireenergy.com](https://spireenergy.com) to learn about cash back rebates on a new energy-efficient A/C, heat pump or mini-split system.



## Check

What type of heating system do I have?

There are three types of heating systems you might have:



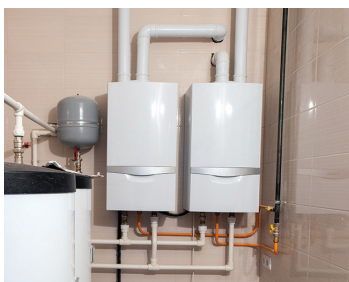
**Furnace**  
(Natural Gas/  
Propane)



**Air-Source  
Heat Pump**



**Boiler**  
(Natural Gas/  
Propane)



Your Energy Efficiency Professional can provide information about Evergy and Spire rebates if you're ready for a new system. Learn more at [evergy.com](https://www.evergy.com) and [spireenergy.com](https://www.spireenergy.com).

# WATER HEATING

The older a water heater is, the more energy it uses. Making a few simple adjustments to how you use hot water in your home can help you get a longer life—and more savings—out of your water heater.



## Check

What type of water heating system do I have?

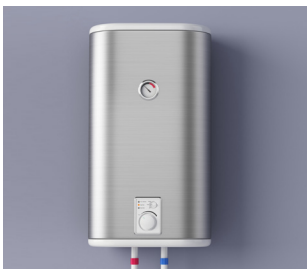
There are two types of systems you might have:



**Gas**  
(Look for an  
exhaust vent or  
gas line)



**Electric**  
(Look for an  
electric cord and  
no exhaust vent)



If you're a Spire customer, ask your Energy Efficiency Professional about Spire rebates of up to \$450 for a new system. Learn more at [spireenergy.com](https://spireenergy.com).

# APPLIANCES



Your appliances are part of your everyday routines and help keep your home running smoothly. If you see the ENERGY STAR® logo on your appliances, that's good news — they're already saving you energy and money. If not, and your appliance is more than 10 years old, you might want to consider replacing it with an ENERGY STAR certified model to save energy with every use.



## Check

What type of appliances do I have and how old are they?



### Stovetop (Gas)

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_



### Stovetop (Electric)

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_



### Refrigerator

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_



### Clothes Washer

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_



### Clothes Dryer

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_



### Dishwasher

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_



## Check

Where are my home's safety monitors and how old are they?



### Smoke Detector

Location:\_\_\_\_\_

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_



### Carbon Monoxide Detector

Location:\_\_\_\_\_

Approx. age:\_\_\_\_\_

# LIGHTING

Lighting accounts for approximately 10% of a home's overall energy usage, costing the average Evergy and Spire residential customers \$135 per year in electricity.

LED bulbs use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs and last 35 to 50 times longer, saving you up to \$166 over their lifetime, when compared to standard incandescent bulbs. In fact, by replacing your home's five most frequently used incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR certified LEDs, you can save \$75 per year!<sup>1</sup>



## Check

How many lightbulbs do I have and which kind of bulbs are they?

Use this chart to identify which bulbs you have throughout your home.



**LED**

# of bulbs: \_\_\_\_\_



**CFL**

# of bulbs: \_\_\_\_\_



**Incandescent**

# of bulbs: \_\_\_\_\_



**Globe**

# of bulbs: \_\_\_\_\_



**Flood**

# of bulbs: \_\_\_\_\_



**Candelabra**

# of bulbs: \_\_\_\_\_



Visit [evergy.com](https://www.evergy.com) to find deals on LEDs by locating an authorized Evergy retailer.

<sup>1</sup>Source: energystar.gov



# INSULATION

Your home's insulation and thermal envelope play a crucial role in maintaining your comfort and controlling your energy use and costs.

Your attic and your basement play especially important roles in reducing bills and increasing comfort.



## Check

How much insulation do I have in the attic and at rim joists?

If you have access to your attic or have been in it before, use the images to identify the location of the insulation and approximate quantity.

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### Attic



Insulation is below or just at ceiling joists.



Insulation is above ceiling joists.

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### Basement

Where the house sits on the basement foundation walls\*



There is insulation.



There is not insulation.

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\*Note: You will only be able to see the insulation in unfinished portions of a basement.



Your Energy Efficiency Professional can provide information on how air sealing and adding insulation could improve your energy efficiency and comfort while lowering costs.



## ***YOUR PATH TO ENERGY SAVINGS JUST GOT EASIER***

Your Virtual Energy Savings Kit is just around the corner. You'll soon discover how easy it is to take control of your home's energy costs by making simple changes. Based on your virtual assessment, your Energy Efficiency Professional will determine what items to include in your free Energy Savings Kit. Your kit will be shipped within two weeks after your appointment. We'll contact you to make sure your kit arrived and to answer any questions you have about how to install the items inside.

### **More Ways to Save**

To learn more, call **816-772-1007**  
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