

5. Be Energy-Smart When Cooking and Baking



If you plan on doing some holiday cooking or baking, be smart. Consider using the microwave or

toaster oven for smaller tasks such as melting chocolate for dipping, and keep the oven reserved for larger items. While cooking on the stove, keep the lids on your pots so your food will cook in less time.

6. Walk

Many people tend to use the car more during the holidays because of all of the shopping and running around they have to do during the season.



If you can, it might be fun to bundle up and walk down the road to do some Christmas shopping, eliminating the need to fill up with gas. If you are looking for a cheap family outing, leave the car in the garage and walk around the neighborhood to look at your neighbor's Christmas decorations.

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During the holiday season, you'll most likely light up your house with Christmas lights and beautiful Christmas decorations. Here are some Christmas energy saving tips to try and help you keep your electricity bill down during the holiday period.

1. Use Candles



When you wish to try some beautiful lighting ideas, consider using candles. Lighting candles use no energy and will provide some fantastic mood lighting. **For safety purposes**, you might want to use battery-operated candles that are available in a variety of colors and styles. Some battery-operated candles even flicker so you'll still achieve the non-electric mood lighting that is created by candles, but without the fire hazard.

2. Use LED Christmas Lights

You may already have a large collection of Christmas lights from years past, but, if you're ready for a change, donate them and get some



LED lights. LED lights use 90% less electricity than typical, incandescent Christmas lights and, although they cost a bit

more than incandescent lights, the small price difference is quickly offset when you consider that LEDs last longer than incandescent. LED lights are brighter and have a bluish tone, whereas incandescent lights have a warm, yellow glow.

3. Limit the Light

There are some people who get so excited into the holiday spirit that they want their lights on, all day and all night. If you think about it, Christmas lights and lighted Christmas decorations will not provide the same effect during the day as they do at night so turn them on at dusk and off before you go to bed.



4. Use Lighting Fixtures Less

If you have decorated with a lot of Christmas lights, you may not need to use your lamps and other permanent lighting fixtures quite as much. When your Christmas lights are plugged in, they may be bright enough to light the room for you, eliminating the need to flip one more switch. And of course, remember to always turn off the lights and other electronic components when you leave a room.