Water Heater

Your water heater works with many of your home's other systems.

Make sure your water heater is set at the lowest point. Try setting it to 120?. Check for water leaks around your water heater and faucets. A constant drip that may feel cold could actually be hot water that has cooled by the time it reaches the faucet. Hot water leaks can waste hundreds of dollars per year in energy costs. Wash clothes with cold water. Many new detergents are made specifically for cold water washing.

Overfilling your washer can increase your energy use. Taking extra long showers runs up the water heating (and water/sewer) bills. Reduce shower time and install low flow showerheads. You'll be surprised how much this simple device can cut your hot water costs. If your water heater is located in an unconditioned space, consider installing a thermal wrap around it. Take care to install it in accordance with the tank and wrap manufacturers' instructions.