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Save energy

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Want to do your part to protect the environment, reduce home energy bills, collect government administered energy-saving rebates and improve the value, comfort and resale of your home? EnWise Power Solutions president Phil Winters offers these tips:

- "To make one change that'll cause a big reduction in the quantity of energy you consume, proceed directly to your furnace," Winter says. "More energy is consumed in the average home by heating and cooling than anything else - 44 per cent to be exact - with the next largest being a 30 per cent combination of lighting, cooking, and all other appliances."

- Still got that under-utilized, clunky 'beer fridge' in the games room? Is your cottage kitchen dominated by a wheezy, old 1970s Coldspot? It's time to let it go. Replacing a fridge bought before 1997 with an Energy Star-approved model could save you \$120 per year and \$150 or more if it's older.

- Make sure that all your weather stripping and caulking around doors and windows is properly applied - if not, then the combined holes and gaps could add up to form a hole in your wall the size of a basketball and you could pay 25 per cent more on your heating bills.

Visit www.enwisepower.com online for additional energy conservation tips.