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Did you Know?

According to US EPA, if your water is so hot that you have to mix it with cold water before using it, your water heater temperature is set too high.

- For maximum energy efficiency, set your hot water heater to 120°F or less.
- Wrapping an old water heater in an insulating jacket can save more than \$30 per year

This Month's Green Thought:

"We make the world we live in and shape our own environment."

- Orison Swett Marden

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Spring at Last!

At long last, Spring is just around the corner. As part of your spring cleaning this year, why not give your home an "energy check-up"? There are many, very simple things you can do around your home to gain significant savings on your energy bill.

- Do a little dusting! A dust-free home is not only a comfortable environment to live in, but it also saves energy. Dust build-up on heat registers and radiators interferes with the flow of air so they don't work as effectively. And even slightly dusty light bulbs produce less than optimal light.
- Have your heating and cooling equipment serviced. Annual check-ups will ensure your system is working most efficiently.
- Insulate your water heater with a special insulating blanket to keep the heat in, which can save more than \$30 per year. Also insulate the stretch of pipe coming out of your water heater to the wall.
- With spring comes rain and often, humidity. If you use a dehumidifier to remove moisture from the air or help with allergies, consider an ENERGY STAR model. ENERGY STAR qualified dehumidifiers use less energy than conventional models, so they protect our environment while you perfect your home environment!

Spring is a great time to take a fresh look at energy savings. To learn more, visit www.myenergystar.com.

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