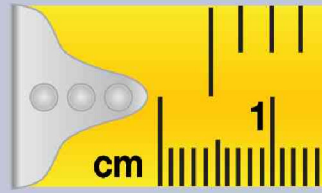




# Just Ask Bobby

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## Featuring: Winter Wise Energy Star Tips

These five tips are sure to save you money through the cold Winter months!

- 1) By insulating your home's hot water pipes, the water won't take as long to "run hot" at the faucet, saving you energy by not cycling your hot water tank on and off as often.
- 2) A dirty or clogged furnace filter can cause your furnace to simply shut off – you will feel silly when the repair man arrives and explains this to you. The bill for the service call can be more expensive than a year's worth of filters!
- 3) "Heat Shrink Plastic Window Film": borrowed time, until you can afford new energy star windows. Easily applies with two way tape and shrinks tight around the window using a hair dryer. Makes old windows more energy efficient.
- 4) Keep all your heat register vents in the basement "in the open position" during the winter. Experiment with all your heat registers using a simple rule: "Hot air rises"!
- 5) Keep piled snow away from all exterior gas vents and or pipes around your home and don't forget to shovel around or near all meters, which the various utility companies need in order to access for reading.

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