



Did you know you can save and manage energy costs as a renter?

If you are looking to rent or are currently a renter and pay for your own energy bills, there are steps you can take to ensure the efficiency and quality of the heating and cooling systems, appliances, and windows of your rental.



Use the checklist to understand how much energy your rental may use. This could help you estimate cost before signing for your new home or apartment.

What should I look for before renting?

1 Utility information

- Average monthly bill*.
- Billing/Payment Programs.
- Property Energy Ratings.

2 Metering

- Is the apartment individually or master metered?

3 Heating and cooling systems

- Age and condition of the system.

4 Water heating

- Type of equipment.
- Age and condition of the system.

5 Thermostat controls

- Do you have thermostat control in your individual unit?
- Is the thermostat programmable?

6 Appliances

- Age and operating condition.
- Are the appliances ENERGY STAR rated?

7 Windows

- Check to see if the windows are double pane, which are more energy efficient than single pane.

8 Air infiltration/draftiness

- Look for holes or gaps around windows and doors that might cause air infiltration and drafts.

9 Insulation

- Ask the owner about the insulation levels in the outside walls, ceiling and floor: the more insulation, the better.

**In NYS potential tenants are entitled to receive two years of bills records from landlord upon written request.*

These simple, low and no-cost measures will help you lower your energy bills quickly.

Free

- Set computers to go into standby mode after 30 minutes of nonuse.
- Drying clothes? Hang them to dry.
- Set your refrigerator to 36-40°F and your freezer to 0-5°F.
- Set your thermostat back ten or more degrees at night or while you are away.
- In summer, turn off the AC at night and open windows to take advantage of “free cooling.”
- Lower the temperature of the water heater to 120°F if possible.

Quick payoff

- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Window shrink wrap to reduce heat loss.

Measures you can take to your next home

- Use energy saving power strips on TVs, gaming consoles, desktop computers, etc.
- Invest in ENERGY STAR® appliances, lighting, and electronics.
- Consider a smart thermostat or a learning thermostat that will detect your patterns and program itself.

Are you a landlord?

National Grid offers energy efficiency services for apartment buildings, condominiums, and housing complexes. Take advantage of our programs to weatherize your facilities, and make energy-saving improvements, including no-cost Wi-Fi thermostats, energy efficient light bulbs, showerheads and aerators to help your tenants lower their monthly bills. Learn more at [**ngrid.com/multifamily**](https://ngrid.com/multifamily)

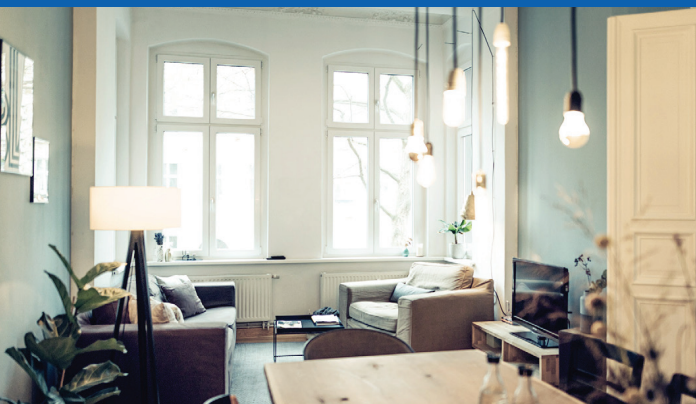
Share with your landlord!

Share this detachable flyer and ask your landlord or property manager to participate!

National Grid's Leave on for Landlord program allows for continued service between tenants and automatic notification when renters disconnect service.

Our programs help landlords and property owners reduce energy costs, increase property value, and keep families comfortable. If you are a landlord, you could be eligible to receive valuable incentives for upgrades like:

- Free energy assessment to identify opportunities to increase efficiency.
- Free installation of high-quality LED screw-in lighting.
- Free installation of low-flow showerheads and aerators.
- Air sealing — 50% of cost covered by National Grid.
- Incentives on common area hard wired lighting.
- \$100 incentives on Wi-Fi thermostats.



Learn how to lower your tenants utility bills, while increasing your property value and helping the environment! Visit us at

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Before You Rent Checklist			Property Address		
System	✓	Notes	System	✓	Notes
Metering			Heating Equipment		
Individually Metered			Age of System		
Master Metered			Type of Fuel		
Utility Cost			Equipment Location		
Landlord Pays Utilities			Water Heating Equipment		
Renter Pays Utilities			Age of Water Heater		
Type of Utilities			Age of System		
Gas			Equipment Location		
Oil			Appliances – Age & Condition, ENERGY STAR?		
Water			Oven		
Electric			Dishwasher		
Internet/Cable TV			Refrigerator		
Thermostat Control			Washer/Dryer		
Programmable Thermostat			Notes:		
In-Unit Thermostat					
Hallway Thermostat					
Air Infiltration & Insulation			Other		
Building Insulated/Air Sealed			Ample Outlets		
Unit Insulated/Air Sealed			Cable/TV/Phone Connection		
Air Leakage – Inspect for drafts & gaps			# of Light Fixtures, Type of Bulb – CFL, LED		
Inspect Fireplace Damper			Natural Light		
Windows			Energy Ratings / Certifications:		
Single Pane			Notes:		
Double Pane					
Triple Pane or more					
Storm Windows					
Screens					
Safety					
Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors					
Fire Extinguisher					