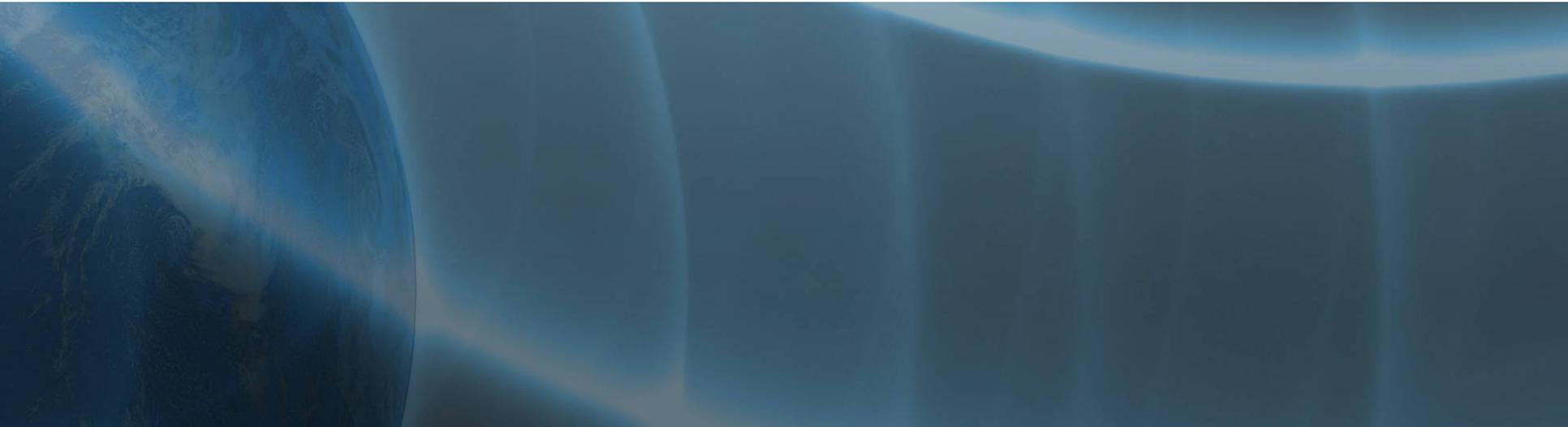




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A photograph of a car's open trunk filled with numerous wrapped Christmas gifts in various colors and patterns. The gifts are stacked and arranged in the trunk. The car's rear light is visible on the right side. A dark blue semi-transparent box with a string of green lights at the top is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

Day 12: Driving Your Way to Fuel Savings

Save money on fuel costs by emptying your car after all your shopping trips -- an extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could increase gas costs by up to \$.08 a gallon.



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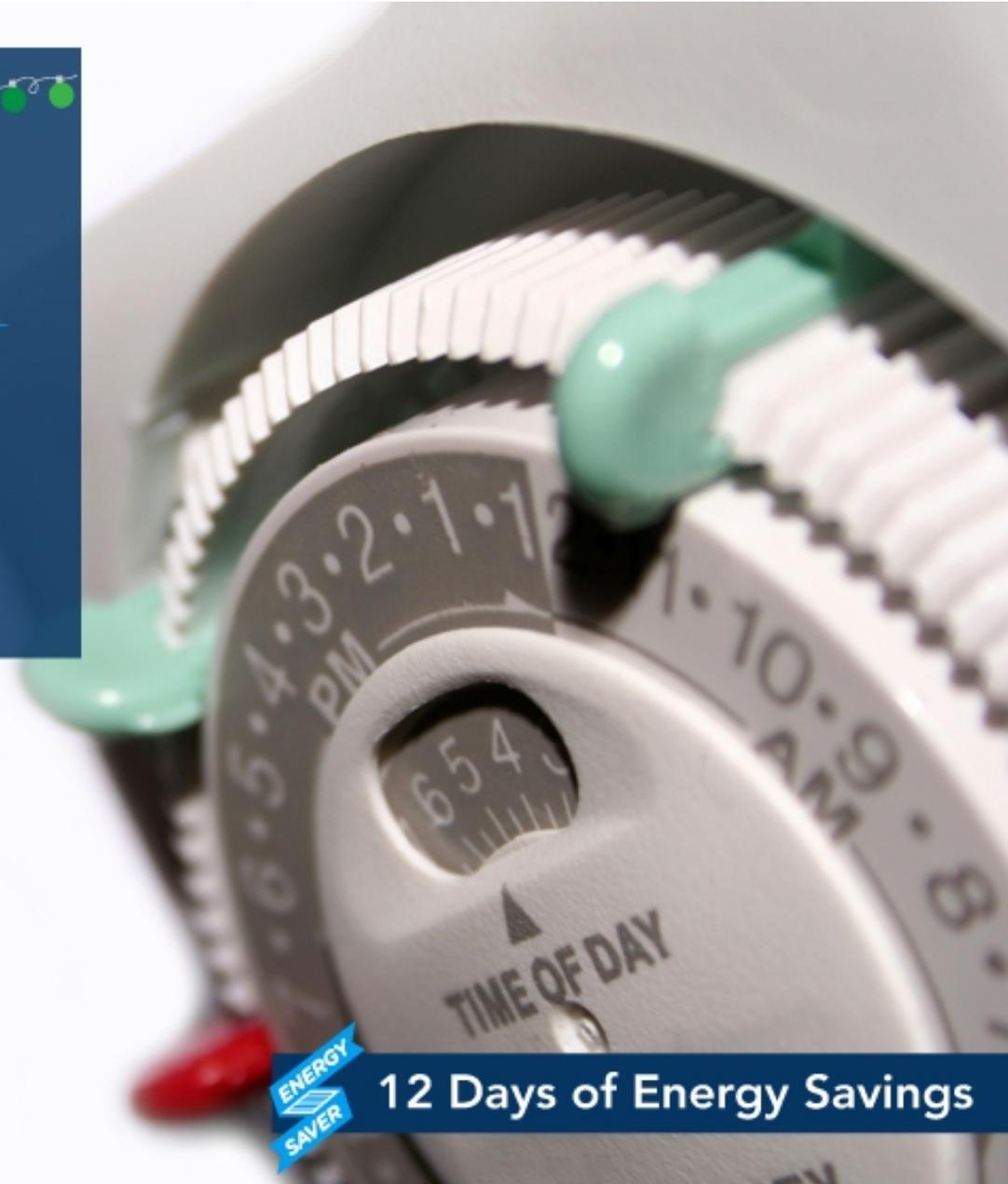


Day 11: Plug Holiday Decorations into Power Strips

Stop phantom loads -- which cost Americans \$100 a year on average -- by turning off power strips when you aren't using holiday decorations.



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Day 10: Install a Light Timer

Keep in the holiday spirit while saving energy by using timer controls to turn holiday lights on and off at specific times.

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Day 9: Use LED lights

Light your tree with LEDs and save money -- it only costs \$0.27 to light a 6-foot tree for 12 hours a day for 40 days with LEDs compared to \$10 for incandescent lights.



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Day 8: Save Energy in the Kitchen

This holiday, don't waste heat from your stovetop. Use right-sized pots on stove burners to save about \$36 annually with an electric range or \$18 with gas.

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**Day 7: Purchase Rechargeable Batteries
& an ENERGY STAR Battery Charger**

This holiday, give the gift that keeps on giving -- rechargeable batteries are more cost effective than disposable batteries.



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Day 6: Buy ENERGY STAR Electronics

This holiday, ask for ENERGY STAR home electronics for instant energy savings. Depending on usage, an ENERGY STAR computer can save 30-65 percent more energy compared a computer without this designation.



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**Day 5: Take Advantage
of Sunlight**

Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight to naturally warm your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.



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Day 4: Prepare Your Windows for Winter

Installing storm windows can help reduce heat loss through your windows by 25-50 percent.



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A festive living room scene featuring a stone fireplace with a warm fire. A large dog, possibly a Saint Bernard, is lying on the hearth wearing a red Santa hat. The room is decorated with Christmas lights, stockings hanging from the mantel, and snowshoes leaning against the wall. In the foreground, there are wrapped gifts and a small elf figurine.

Day 3: Maintain Your Fireplace

Keep warm air in your house and cold air out with proper chimney maintenance -- like sealing your fireplace flue damper, caulking around your hearth, and installing a heat-air exchange system to blow warmed air back into the room.

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Day 2: Install a Programmable Thermostat

Use a programmable thermostat when you aren't home -- lowering your thermostat 10-15 degrees for 8 hours can save 5-15 percent a year on heating bills



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Day 1: Home Energy Audit

Save 5-30 percent on your energy bill by making energy-efficient upgrades following a home energy audit.

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