



# DESIGN DECISIONS

## Become an Energy Scene Inspector

Do you and your family waste energy in your home? The following chart will help you assess if you can decrease your energy consumption.

Find Energy Wasters in Your Home	No, Some, or Yes?	Your Plan to Correct
<p>Is your room or home free of leaks, cracks, and holes to avoid losing heated or cooled air?</p> <p>Use a thin piece of paper or thread. Move it around and along the windows, doors, cracks, and where pipes enter the home to check for air movement. Do this on a very hot day or very cold day or when the wind is blowing.</p>		
<p>Check the temperature on the thermostat. Is the thermostat adjusted higher in the summer and lower in the winter to use energy more efficiently?</p>		
<p>Are lights turned off when not needed?</p>		
<p>Are <i>incandescent</i> bulbs replaced with more efficient <i>fluorescent</i> or <i>LED</i> light bulbs?</p>		
<p>Are light bulbs dusted?</p>		
<p>Are appliances and electronics turned completely off when not in use?</p> <p>How many appliances are on, operating, or in stand-by mode? Are they all needed?</p> <p>Are chargers unplugged after the batteries are charged?</p>		
<p>Do you have the ENERGY STAR® logo in your home? Here are some places to look:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Electronic Equipment (computer, TV, game console)</li> <li>•Appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator)</li> <li>•Light Bulbs, etc.</li> <li>•Small appliances</li> </ul> <p>How many ENERGY STAR®s did you find?</p>		

Find more at <http://4h.unl.edu/designdecisions>

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