



## VISION 03

### CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ENERGY

All Philadelphians efficiently use clean energy that they can afford

Greenworks is the city's sustainability plan to improve quality of life for all Philadelphians. We've developed guides to show individuals, communities, and institutions how they can help make the Greenworks visions a reality. All of the guides are available at [www.phila.gov/green](http://www.phila.gov/green) or by calling 215-686-3495.

## What Individuals Can Do

- ❑ **Conduct a home energy audit:** A professional energy auditor can identify ways to make your house more efficient, such as adding insulation. They may provide the contractor and even financing to complete the work.
  - Energy audits are available through PECO and PGW or directly with businesses. You can contact the Delaware Valley Green Building Council for assistance in identifying a contractor.
    -  [www.dvgbc.org](http://www.dvgbc.org)
    -  215-399-5790
- ❑ **Consider energy when renting or buying a home:** Ask about a home's energy efficiency and factor those costs into your renting or buying decision.
  - If you live in a condo, consider joining the Green Condo and Co-op Initiative.
    -  <https://sites.google.com/site/greencondocoop/home>
- ❑ **Explore rooftop solar:** Your home may be able to host solar panels, allowing you direct access to clean energy.
- ❑ **Switch electricity providers:** You have options in choosing who supplies your electricity, and you can choose a provider that provides up to 100% renewable energy. Visit [www.PAPowerSwitch.com](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com) to learn more.
- ❑ **Take advantage of energy conservation programs:** Both of Philadelphia's energy utilities offer programs to help you save money on energy at home.
  - PECO Smart Ideas Rebates
    -  <https://peco.myrebateportal.com>
    -  888-573-2672
  - PGW Energysense
    -  [www.pgwennergysense.com/forthehomeowner.html](http://www.pgwennergysense.com/forthehomeowner.html)
    -  855-749-7658

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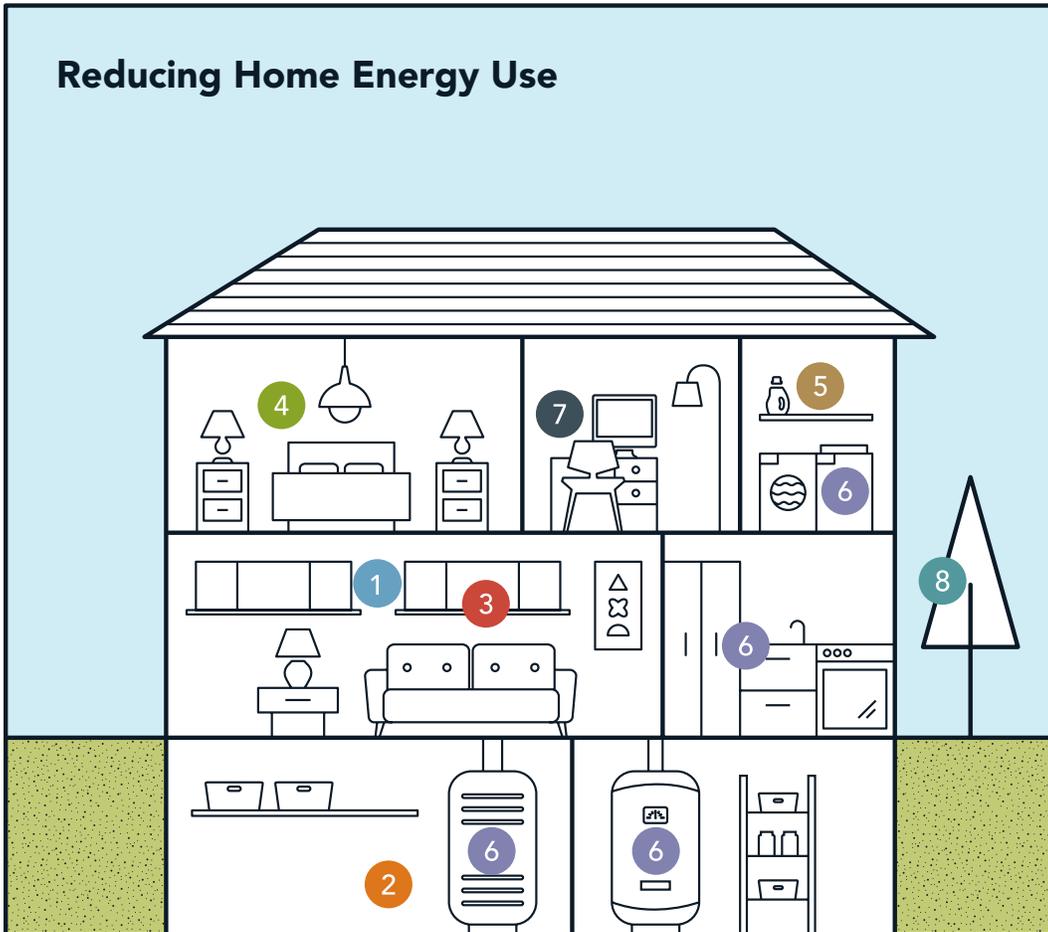
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## Individuals

### Reducing Home Energy Use



- 1 Buy a **programmable thermostat** to reduce energy usage when you're away from home.
- 2 **Clean air filters** and **recharge coolant** to improve the efficiency of air conditioning.
- 3 Keep your **windows sealed** in the winter.
- 4 Use high-efficiency **ENERGY STAR**-labeled lightbulbs.
- 5 Wash your clothes in **cold water** and consider air-drying clothes on racks.
- 6 Check for **ENERGY STAR** label when replacing appliances and fixtures.
- 7 User **power management** features to improve efficiency of electronic devices and unplug any devices not in use.
- 8 Consider **planting trees** to provide shade in the summertime.