

Utilities

Columbus Utility Companies

Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
AEP (electric)	800-277-2177 or
City Electric	614-645-7360

(Note: We've set up your Water Billing Account for you!)

How Do I Lower My Utility Bills?

Use Edison's Sense With Electric

- ✓ Keep lights off when not in use.
- ✓ Do not use space heaters, as they are inefficient and can be very dangerous if not properly ventilated.
- ✓ In the summer months you can save by keeping the A/C set on an average temperature to keep your apartment cool. Turning the unit off and on takes longer to cool and uses a lot more energy. Also, keep your blinds closed during the hot, sunny days, as it will limit the amount of heat let into your apartment.

Your Gas Bill

- ✓ It is estimated that you can save 3% on your heating bill for every degree you lower your thermostat. Keep it no higher than 68 degrees during the day.
- ✓ Keep all heat registers and air return ducts clear of furniture, carpet, drapes and excessive dust.
- ✓ Keep doors and windows shut!! An open window makes the furnace work twice as hard to heat a given area.
- ✓ Installing plastic window kits greatly reduces your heating bills and helps to eliminate lost heat.

Your Water Bill

- ✓ Do not use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket, because every time you flush it uses five to seven gallons of water.
- ✓ Turn off the water after your toothbrush is wet. There is no need to watch the water run down the drain as you brush your teeth. This can save you immensely over a month's time.
- ✓ Check faucets and toilets for leaks as even the smallest drip can waste twenty or more gallons a day.