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Locating and sealing air leaks within the home  
Examining ventilation to prevent indoor air pollution  
Checking insulation levels  
Inspecting the condition of heating and cooling equipment  
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## 2. Understand Rebates, Tax Credits, and Cost Savings

Energy bills are some of the biggest expenses for renters and homeowners. However, there are ways to reduce your bill.

The easiest way is to increase your home's energy efficiency, for example:

- switching to LED bulbs can save up to \$75 per year on your electricity bill.

- sealing air leaks in your home can save you up to 10% on your annual energy bill.

- upgrading to an [ENERGY STAR-rated](#) washing machine can save up to \$370 in energy costs over the lifetime of the appliance.

The second way to reduce costs associated with energy use is to take advantage of discounts and rebates offered by utility companies, federal incentives, and local energy programs. You can use the [ENERGY STAR Rebate Finder](#) and [ComEd's Rebates and Discounts tool](#) to find products like light bulbs, water dispensers, and washers that are eligible for rebates and discounts.

**Rebate** a refund offered for purchasing energy-efficient products or making energy-saving upgrades to your home

The [2022 Inflation Reduction Act](#) provides [federal tax credits](#) in addition to expanding rebates to help you reduce your energy bill. Particularly if you are a property owner, take this into consideration when making improvements to your home!

**Tax credit** a financial incentive that reduces the amount of money one owes in taxes, in this case, to encourage taxpayers to make energy-saving upgrades in their home

## 3. Explore High-Impact Energy Efficiency Projects for Your Home

Embarking on a new home improvement project can be overwhelming, no matter how many benefits come with the

Energy standards for energy efficiency.

In just one year, ENERGY STAR-certified products

electricity and avoid \$24 billion in lost energy costs. That is equivalent to the energy produced by 49,000 wind turbines in a single year!

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