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# Paying Your Bill? You Have Options

### You Choose

Who doesn't need more time in their life? It's hard to balance work and play and still get everything done. Liberty Energy gives you choices when paying your energy bills, so you can save your precious time for the things that are important to you.

#### Electric Check

Forget writing checks. Use electric payment for electric service. Now you can have your payment deducted directly from your checking or savings account. Your information will remain confidential and you'll receive a monthly statement. No more missed or late payments.

#### Equal Payment

We'll take your average annual power usage and divide it into equal monthly payments, smoothing things out so you can pay the same amount, month after month.

*Shop and Pay* Find a location near you at. Liberty-energy.com



#### Select Your Due Date

You can select which day of the month (excluding holidays) when you want your electric bill to be due. We'll take it from there.

#### Good old-fashioned U.S. Mail

Of course, you can always mail in your payment in the convenient envelope provided with your bill each month.



# Conservation Corner

#### Resolve to Cut Lighting Costs

It's 2011 – Make it your resolution to switch to energy efficient compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) in the New Year.

Compared to incandescent bulbs, CFLs use 75 percent less energy. Using less energy to light your home means savings on your lighting bill – about \$30 over the lifetime of each bulb. CFLs are available in a wide variety of color temperatures, from soft white to daylight, and styles – like twists, globes, reflectors and even candelabras.



#### **ENERGY AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) helps lowincome Californians manage and reduce energy costs. Part of the assistance offered by CSD is for emergencies—helping families who are in financial crisis pay a utility bill. Another part of the assistance helps reduce bills in the long term by installing weatherization measures to make low-income households more energy-efficient.

These services are paid for with federal funds from two programs: LIHEAP (the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) and the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program. Call the CSD toll-free phone center at 1-866-675-6623 to find the energy service provider in your community, types of services provided, and eligibility.





## No Cost Tips

These simple steps don't cost a thing, but can potentially save you 10-25 percent on your monthly energy bill.

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use. Don't forget your computer. Most new computers have sleep settings.
- In the cold months, set the thermostat to 68 degrees when home, and then back to 55 68 degrees when unoccupied.
- In the winter, open window coverings on the sunny side of your home to take advantage of free heat from the sun. Close the coverings on cloudy days or right after the sun sets.
- Keep lights and lighting fixtures clean, especially if you're reducing the number of lights you use. Dirt absorbs light. Let lights cool before cleaning them and never touch halogen bulbs with your bare hands. The oil from your skin can greatly damage the bulbs. Use a small piece of paper to hold the bulb.





## **Business Offices**

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