
Tips For Daily Living

1. Thermostat room temperature setting:

- **Summer setting:** 78F when in home, 80F when sleeping, 85F when away from home.
- **Winter setting:** 68F when in home, 66F when sleeping, 60F when away from home.
- **Tips:** Every degree setting increase in summer and decrease in winter will save approx. 6% ~ 8% off your home energy bill. You can save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling by simply turning your thermostat back 7°-10°F for 8 hours a day from its normal setting. Good article regarding to set thermostat to save energy:
<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/thermostats>

2. Water drain/sewer line care.

- **Do not flush in cleaning cloth wipe:** Do not flush used cleaning cloth wiper into toilet. It could block entire house main sewer line! Throw it into trash can.
- **Do not flush Grease with hot water:** Do not flush grease by hot water into kitchen drain line, the grease will become to be solid in cold sewer line and block kitchen sewer line! Wipe off with paper towel or solve it in to dish detergent water before dump into kitchen sink drain.
- **Unblocking sewer line:** It is expensive job (cost \$100 to \$200 per unblock). If item, which is pulled out by plumber, was dumped in by tenant, the tenant shall be responsible for the cost of unblocking.

3. Use toilet and shower curtain, kitchen sink drain pipe in cabinet

- **Use toilet:** Avoid moving around when sitting on toilet. This could cause toilet seat break and toilet floor mounting loosening, further more water leak out to floor when flushing.
- **Leave shower curtain inside tub:** Keep shower curtain inside tub, keep inside liner complete cover tub area when using double layer curtain. Improper use curtain could lead shower water flow to floor, further more leak into finished basement ceiling.
- **Do not hit kitchen sink drain pipe in cabinet:** Do not hit drain pipes under kitchen sink inside cabinet. It could cause pipe loosening, furthermore drain water leak out into cabinet.

4. Use microwave and portable room heater.

- **Do not overheat food in microwave:** Do not over heat/cook food inside microwave. It could catch fire!
- **Do not run portable room heater with unattended:** Do not leave portable room heater running with unattended. It could catch fire when it is malfunction or overheat.

5. Emergency situation on electricity, gas and water.

- **Call landlord first:** Landlord aurally response and take action much faster than any these providers. Landlord is familiar with detailed structure of the house and you will be given instant detailed instruction to deal with an emergency situation.
 - **Gas leak:** Be aware call Spire for service, they come shut off gas supply only. Gas supply to the house will be interrupted until they come back in following days. Landlord could diagnose and repair without interruption on gas supply to the house.
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