

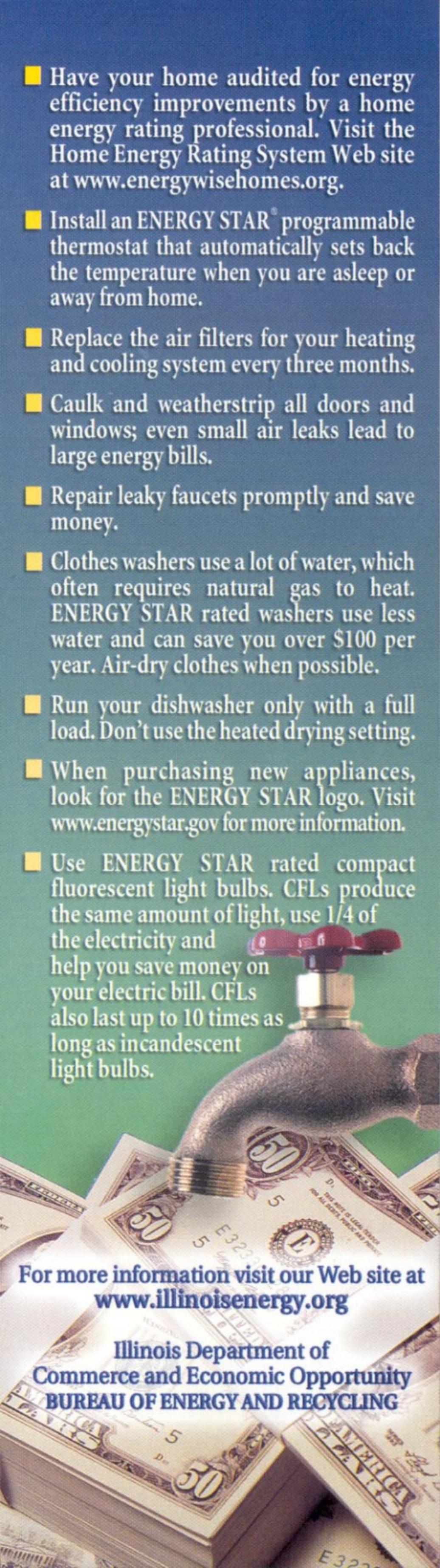
Natural gas prices are on the rise...

Get Energy Smart

These simple, low-cost energy saving tips will help you save energy, money and reduce unnecessary pollution of the environment.



- Have your home audited for energy efficiency improvements by a home energy rating professional. Visit the Home Energy Rating System Web site at www.energywisehomes.org.
- Install an ENERGY STAR[®] programmable thermostat that automatically sets back the temperature when you are asleep or away from home.
- Replace the air filters for your heating and cooling system every three months.
- Caulk and weatherstrip all doors and windows; even small air leaks lead to large energy bills.
- Repair leaky faucets promptly and save money.
- Clothes washers use a lot of water, which often requires natural gas to heat. ENERGY STAR rated washers use less water and can save you over \$100 per year. Air-dry clothes when possible.
- Run your dishwasher only with a full load. Don't use the heated drying setting.
- When purchasing new appliances, look for the ENERGY STAR logo. Visit www.energystar.gov for more information.
- Use ENERGY STAR rated compact fluorescent light bulbs. CFLs produce the same amount of light, use 1/4 of the electricity and help you save money on your electric bill. CFLs also last up to 10 times as long as incandescent light bulbs.



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