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PG&E wants to help customers save energy and money through the fall and winter months. For just under \$200, you can build an energy efficiency DIY toolkit. By using some of these items inside the kit, you could save hundreds of dollars a year on your energy bill. Keep in mind, savings can vary by home and energy use. Here are a few things that can make a big difference.

First, a smart thermostat. You can find one online for \$80. Installing an Energy Star smart thermostat can save an average California customer between \$50 and \$78 a year, and you may qualify for up to a \$40 rebate on your purchase by going online to PG&E's energy action guide.

Next, LED bulbs. You can find these for about \$2.50 each. They emit less heat than standard incandescent bulbs and use less energy and can save you up to \$225 a year.

Plus, a power strip. Electric devices can draw power even when they're turned off and can cost the average US household as much as \$200 a year. Power strips can cut power to plugged in devices all at once, saving time, energy, and money. A \$5 investment here can save you up to \$100 a year.

For under \$10, you can seal gaps and cracks around drafty door frames and windows and save up to \$135 a year.

And here's a no-cost change with some significant savings. Set your computer to sleep mode when not in use. It's a simple adjustment that can save you up to \$130 a year.

For a complete list of the items in an energy efficiency DIY toolkit and more information on ways to improve energy efficiency, just head to our website, pge.com/winter.