

# During this busy holiday season, remember these tips to keep your celebrations efficient and safe:

- Consider replacing older light strands with new ENERGY STAR® LED lights. LED strands are 70 percent more efficient and last 10 times longer than the age-old standard bulbs. They also give off virtually no heat, making them safer for kids and pets.
- Do not overload electrical outlets with too many decorations or appliances. Also, check extension cords for fraying, damaged, or exposed wires.
- Save energy by setting a timer for outdoor lighting and decorations. Program the timer so the lights turn on in the evening and turn off later at night when you typically go to sleep.
- Remember to purchase ENERGY STAR®-certified electronics and give the gift of energy efficiency. Visit [www.energystar.gov/productfinder](http://www.energystar.gov/productfinder) for a full list of efficient products.
- Use an oven light to check the progress of your holiday dishes. Every time you open the oven door, the temp inside decreases by as much as 25 degrees.



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