

Kids Korner

Energy Efficiency Certificate

Super Saver!

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on this day of _____ for completing the

Kids Korner Energy Survey

and becoming a Smart Super Energy Saver.



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During the day, when it is brighter outside, open the curtains and use the sunlight instead of turning on the lights.

Don't leave windows or outside doors open when the heat or air conditioning is on. This makes the furnace and AC have to work harder to heat and cool the house.

When you have a sunny day, help hang the clothes outside instead of using the dryer.

Don't leave the water dripping in the faucet.

Turn off the dishwasher right before the drying cycle and let the dishes air dry.

Don't leave the refrigerator door open. Decide what you want **BEFORE** you open the door.

Instead of cooking, once a week have a sandwich night. Not cooking saves gas and electricity.

Plant trees and shrubs. Deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves) are best to block the sun in the summer and, when the leaves fall, they let the sun shine through in the winter helping to warm your house.

Check to see if energy-efficient compact fluorescents will fit in your home's most often used lamps. Count how many places in your home will take these new lamps.

Change air filters at the beginning of each heating and cooling season if your home has central air conditioning.

If your home has ceiling fans, make sure they are "off" when no one is in the room.

Check the temperature settings on your home's thermostat. In the winter, they should be kept low, in the 68° to 70°F range. In summer, they should be kept in the 78° to 80°F range.