

Be sure to adjust the temperature on your heating or air conditioning. Make sure you leave drapes, curtains, and shades in the most advantageous position to either take advantage of solar heat, or to insulate from outside conditions while you are away.

If you're going to be gone for more than a few days, it may be to your advantage to turn your water heater to the "off" position so it doesn't cycle to maintain the set temperature while you're away.

You may also want to think about the temperature setting in your refrigerator. If you're on an extended vacation and no one

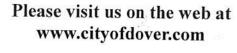


is home opening and closing the refrigerator door, it's possible that your refrigerator section may stay colder than normal. There is a possibility that canned drinks or water

may freeze and possibly burst open. You may want to remove these types of items.

Consider unplugging televisions, electronic equipment and computers. Not only to save energy, but to protect them from possible damage from electrical

storms while you're away.



You will be able to access the "Energy Depot" an online tool to manage home energy use, an energy calculator, comparison tool, energy library with links to other similar sites, and the energy advisor that allows to you submit specific questions that will be answered individually. There is also information and links to the Delaware Energy Office and the Delaware Green Energy Grant Program.



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What uses all that energy when I'm on vacation?





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