12 Days of Energy Savings
Source: Energy.gov
Day 12: Driving Your Way to Fuel Savings

Save money on fuel costs by emptying your car after all your shopping trips -- an extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could increase gas costs by up to $.08 a gallon.
Day 11: Plug Holiday Decorations into Power Strips

Stop phantom loads -- which cost Americans $100 a year on average -- by turning off power strips when you aren’t using holiday decorations.
Day 10: Install a Light Timer

Keep in the holiday spirit while saving energy by using timer controls to turn holiday lights on and off at specific times.
Day 9: Use LED lights

Light your tree with LEDs and save money -- it only costs $0.27 to light a 6-foot tree for 12 hours a day for 40 days with LEDs compared to $10 for incandescent lights.
Day 8: Save Energy in the Kitchen

This holiday, don’t waste heat from your stovetop. Use right-sized pots on stove burners to save about $36 annually with an electric range or $18 with gas.
Day 7: Purchase Rechargeable Batteries & an ENERGY STAR Battery Charger

This holiday, give the gift that keeps on giving -- rechargeable batteries are more cost effective than disposable batteries.
Day 6: Buy ENERGY STAR Electronics

This holiday, ask for ENERGY STAR home electronics for instant energy savings. Depending on usage, an ENERGY STAR computer can save 30-65 percent more energy compared to a computer without this designation.
Day 5: Take Advantage of Sunlight

Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight to naturally warm your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
Day 4: Prepare Your Windows for Winter

Installing storm windows can help reduce heat loss through your windows by 25-50 percent.
Day 3: Maintain Your Fireplace

Keep warm air in your house and cold air out with proper chimney maintenance -- like sealing your fireplace flue damper, caulking around your hearth, and installing a heat-air exchange system to blow warmed air back into the room.
Day 2: Install a Programmable Thermostat

Use a programmable thermostat when you aren’t home -- lowering your thermostat 10-15 degrees for 8 hours can save 5-15 percent a year on heating bills.
Day 1: Home Energy Audit

Save 5-30 percent on your energy bill by making energy-efficient upgrades following a home energy audit.