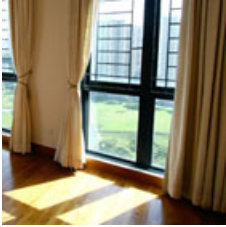


Open your shades on winter days for natural light and warmth



Why? Taking advantage of winter sunlight can help make a dent in your heating costs. Open blinds during the day to provide natural lighting and capture free heat.

Things to think about:

- When you let the sun in, remember to lower the thermostat by a few degrees. These two steps combined are what save money and energy.
- South-facing windows have the most potential for heat gain. Keep the drapes up and windows clear in order to let in the most light.
- The sun is most intense from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., so make sure windows are uncovered during these hours. Close window coverings at night to insulate windows.
- Dense walls and flooring, especially masonry, help by storing solar heat and then releasing it at night.
- North windows are not the brightest in the house, but they could be the draftiest. The coldest winds come from the north, so insulate windows and doors on this side of the home well.

Tip Details



Save up to \$15 per year