

Energy Conservation Tips

The planting of trees helps the environment, adds a pleasing, aesthetic value to your property and when placed strategically can offer noticeable energy savings. Following are a few recommendations. If you are unsure about what to plant, you can always ask an arborist or landscape professional for assistance in proper tree or shrub species selection and placement.

- Plant shade trees around your house, where space allows, keeping your home cooler during the summer and providing a shield from cold winter winds.
- When planting shrubs around your heat pump or air conditioning unit, be careful not to restrict air flow to the unit.
- Plant shrubs close to your home to help keep cold and hot air from blowing directly into your foundation and crawl space. However, do not block foundation vents so that needed air flow under the house is not disrupted.
- Plant a row of large evergreen trees on the most windward sides of your property to disrupt cold winter and hot summer winds. In our area these would be the northwest and southwest sides as most of our winds come from these directions.