



"It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores and other buildings safe."

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# From The Ground Up

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**City of Highland's Community Development Mission Statement:**

*To ignite positive change through orderly development and revitalization of quality construction while serving in a courteous professional, and ethical manner.*

Want to save money this year? How?? Here are a few Tips to help you out.

If you need to get something at the store, think about if it is really needed or can you substitute something in place of it. Make a list of items you need to pick up at the store and then combine your trips in your vehicle so that you can use less fuel. Plan your route before you leave home so that you do not have to double back.

Reduce your energy consumption by turning off lights when you are not using them or leave the room. Switch to energy star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs. Considering replacing your appliances, remember there are two things to look for; the price to purchase the appliance and the cost for the energy to run it.

Choosing Energy Star appliances are ideal products to shop for because they meet tough federal criteria for energy efficiency. For a complete list of Energy Star products go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or contact Building and Zoning if you should have further questions at 618-654-7115.

The City of Highland is offering a P4460 Kill - A - Watt device to anyone interested in checking the accurately measured electrical power consumption of household appliances. This device can be checked out at the Electric Department free of charge. The unit features a precise circuit which provides very



accurate results. It will also project in real time, the cost of continued use of the appliance in time periods of Hour, Day, Week, Month, and Year. It comes with quick start instructions, along with the operating manual. You have two weeks to use the device, however if it's not returned by the date specified a charge of \$40.00 will be added on to your next electric bill. If you should have further questions please feel free to contact the Electric Department at 618-654-7511.

Now is an excellent time to check around windows, doors and outlets for cold air drafts. If you note any, make a list so that you can get them sealed.