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Shorter days and crimson leaves are trumpeting the change of seasons. Here are some tips to help save energy as we turn off the air conditioners and think about turning up the thermostats.

- 1) **Filters:** Change or clean filters from air conditioner, heater, dryer vents, stove hood and room fans monthly, or as needed.
- 2) **Roof:** Check roof, vents, skylights, chimneys for leaks. Repair as needed.
- 3) **Windows and doors:** Get out that caulking gun and reseal around windows and doorframes as needed. Replace seals as needed.
- 4) **Faucets:** Check faucets in bathrooms and the kitchen and replace washers as needed. Make sure there is no water in your outside hose and remove from outdoor faucets to prevent freezing.
- 5) **Hot water heater:** Drain water and remove sediment from the bottom of the tank.

For more tips on preparing your home for the change of seasons go to:

<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/green-your-home-for-winter-the.html>

Go to <http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org> to be a part of the solution.