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CITY OF OXFORD
MAYOR'S HOME CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH:
"WINTER" GET COZY

The City of Oxford have infiltrated a conservation and energy saving tip that we hope will assist you with saving money, greener living and to remind you of your "environmental footprint" on our planet.

With the arrival of January, it is time to prepare our homes for the Winter Season. Properly heating and cooling your home will help keep the heat in and the air out. Mayor Jackie Sergent and the City of Oxford Green Challenge committee suggest incorporating the following "get cozy" tips into your winter home preparation.

Home heating and cooling systems in the U.S. are responsible for releasing 150 million tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere every year. Heating and cooling your home accounts for up to 50 percent of your household's energy bills, and air leakage alone accounts for 10 percent or more. As much as 31 percent of heat loss from a house is through the ceiling, walls, and floor. Insulation material made from cellulose, fiberglass, foam, recycling paper, or straw can keep a home cozy and comfortable all year-round, minimizing the need for heaters in the winter and air conditioners in summer, and reducing your annual heating and cooling costs by up to 30 percent. Visit www.energystar.gov to find recommended amounts of home insulation for your climate zone.

This energy saving tip will help you meet your goals of conservation, all the while rewarding you with energy savings. Questions should be directed to the City of Oxford at 919-603-1105.

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