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Dear Realtor,

It's is time to "batten down the hatches" and get ready for winter. Finally!

Tips to save on your electric bill:

- **Insulation:** There should be a minimum of 7" of fiber glass, rock wool or cellulose. Helps keep in heat in the winter and keeps you cooler in the summer, too. *The #1 biggest loss of electricity in a home.*
- **Programmable Thermostats:** They adjust to your schedule.
- **Ducts:** If they leak, you will be keeping your attic warm instead of your house.
- **Fireplace:** Close the flue when not in use so the heat doesn't go up the chimney.
- **Replace Door Thresholds:** Check the bottom of exterior doors- if there is light, you're losing warm air.
- **Insulate Electrical Outlets:** Hold your hand in front of an outlet on an outside wall to feel for a draft. Buy an inexpensive kit to fix.



PEST TIP

Do fire ants bite or sting?

Many people say that they have ant bites when they have been stung by fire ants. You might be surprised to find out that fire ants do both, bite and sting. They bite the flesh with their mandibles in order to gain leverage to inject their venom with their stinger. The result is a white pustule that appears within 24 hours of the sting. Ouch and double ouch.

Your Nations pest contractor can offer a yard treatment including a 6 month warranty for \$149 (5,000 square feet). For a larger yard, call for quote.