



## **TIP #2: THE FRIDGE**

The Refrigerator is one of the largest sources of energy use, responsible for 7% of the Nation's entire energy consumption!

*Here's how you can save electricity and money:*

- Keep the freezer full: a full freezer retains the cold more efficiently than an empty one.
- Open the fridge as seldom as possible and for the least amount of time.
- Vacuum the dust off of the refrigerator coils, which are usually beneath or behind the fridge: dusty coils clog air flow and reduce efficiency.
- Replace an old refrigerator: switching a 10 year-old fridge with an Energy-Star certified fridge will save you more than \$ 150 in energy bills annually, and 3,000 Pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> every year!

**THANKS AND BE SURE TO LOOK OUT FOR  
NEXT ISSUE'S CENIC TIP!**

*Sources: U.S. Department of Energy. Energy Information Administration,  
University of Colorado Environmental Center*