

Closing your seasonal home

Whether you have a seasonal home in the mountains of Maine, along the coast, or at one of our many lakes and ponds, leaving for an extended period of time means you want to button up your home to protect it and minimize electricity usage. Following are some tips that will help you close up for the season.*

If you drain your pipes and water heater before leaving:

- ▶ Turn off the water heater, septic and water pumps at the circuit breaker
- ▶ Put a note on the water heater to fill the tank before turning it on when you return
- ▶ Add biodegradable anti-freeze to sinks and toilet traps

If you do not drain your pipes and water heater before leaving:

- ▶ Turn down the thermostat in rooms with water pipes to prevent the pipes from freezing
- ▶ Turn off the heat in rooms that do not have water pipes. Close the doors to these rooms
- ▶ Open cabinet doors under sinks and other areas with water pipes to allow warm air to circulate
- ▶ Consider purchasing a programmable thermostat so heat will only run at certain times of the day or night
- ▶ Consider having a neighbor contact you during power outages

Other tips:

- ▶ If you empty your refrigerator/freezer, unplug it and leave the doors open
- ▶ Close dampers in fireplaces and wood stoves to keep out cold air
- ▶ Close draperies and shades
- ▶ Unplug all appliances, lamps, televisions, etc.
- ▶ Leave a phone number with neighbors in case of emergency

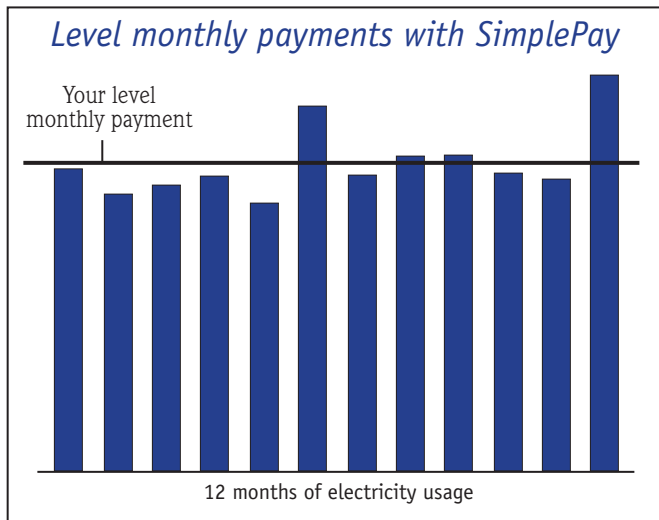
* If you choose to turn off your electricity completely, please contact us at **1-800-750-4000** for more information.



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