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## [Energy \(+ Money!\) Saving Green Gift Guide](#)

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Give greener this year by gifting goods that will help the lucky ones on your holiday list save energy and money in the months to come. Take a closer look at five of our favorites below.

### **Weatherizing for Dummies Kit**

In the cold winter months, the average household loses a startling amount of heat through air leaks, windows and doors. With this handy kit, the homeowner on your list gets a “For Dummies” guide and a whole slew of heat-saving staples, like all-weather weatherstrips, adhesive door weeps, weatherization caulk, light switch sealers and more. Check your local Lowes or Home Depot or pick it up on [Amazon](#). (\$18)



### **A Smarter Thermostat**

Ecobee’s innovative, [Internet-enabled thermostat](#) lets you tweak the temp even when you’re not at home. Equipped with a cool color screen, the wireless device switches to eco mode with the push of a button, setting your system to conserve energy automatically. Perfect for the frequent flyer in your life, making cranking down the heat a breeze, whether they’re here, there, or anywhere. (\$469)



### **LED Holiday Lights**

As [Consumer Reports](#) recently confirmed, LED holiday lights use significantly less energy than hanging traditional bulbs outside of your home and on your tree. Help deck the halls of the merriest among your friends by gifting a stellar set of warm white holiday lights by GE. Just like incandescent lighting, you can buy for indoors or out, and in “icicle” or traditional styles. Pick some up at [Amazon](#). (\$30)

### **Power Monitor**

Just how much juice are you burning without ever realizing it? Find out which cords are zapping the most of your money with the [PowerCost Monitor](#), made by Blue Line Innovations. The simple-to-install device sends real-time reports to your countertop, depicting just how much electricity your home is consuming. By displaying the savings in dollars and cents, this is one gift that really does keep on giving. (\$99)



### **Low-Flow Showerhead**

Kiss goodbye the low-flow shower options of yesterday. Today, spa-like showerheads offer the same kind of water savings without zapping the relaxing feel of hot, high-pressure water and a wand. [Hammacher Schlemmer](#) offers this version, with 16 air vents that inject oxygen, which displaces air and allows for 30 – 70 percent less water than a standard showerhead. Clean and green. (\$70)

