



**ENERGY
SAVING
PLAYING
CARDS**



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KING OF LIGHTS

SWITCHES TO LED BULBS!



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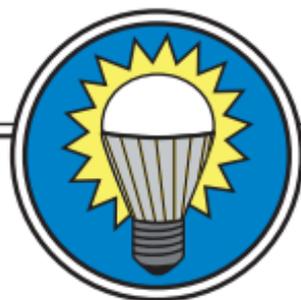


QUEEN OF LIGHTS

BUYS ENERGY STAR FIXTURES!

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Keep Bulbs Clean

Dust can cut
light output by as
much as 25%.



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**Choose
ENERGY STAR**

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ENERGY STAR

light fixtures use
less energy than
traditional
fixtures.



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**Stock Up
At Sales**

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October is
National Energy
Month. Look for
sales on LEDs.



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Sunlight Is Free

— ◆ ◆ ◆ —
Open your
curtains to let in
the daylight, and
turn off your
lights to save.

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Hit The Lights

— ◆ ◆ ◆ —
If you don't need
it on, turn it off!



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Go the Distance

— ◆ ◆ ◆ —
LED bulbs can
last up to
15 years.

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Savings That Last

LED bulbs can last
up to 25 times
longer than
traditional
incandescent
lightbulbs.



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Keep Cool with LED Bulbs

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LEDs use
electricity far more
efficiently than
traditional bulbs
because they emit
very little heat.

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Every LED Saves

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LEDs use up to
80% less
electricity than
traditional
incandescents,
saving you money.

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**KING OF APPLIANCES
CHOOSES ENERGY STAR MODELS!**



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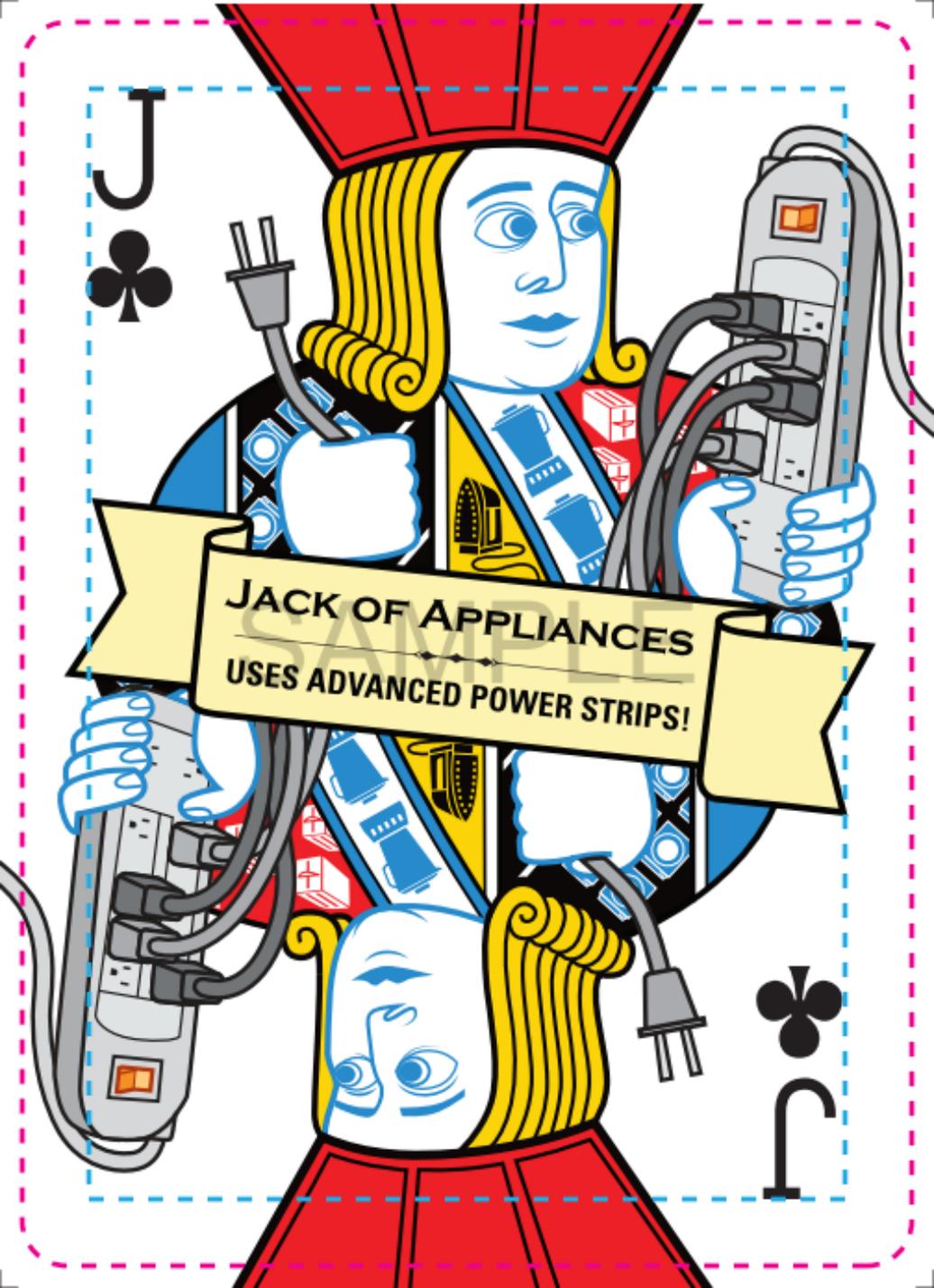
Queen of Appliances
CHECKS ENERGYGUIDE LABELS!



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JACK OF APPLIANCES
USES ADVANCED POWER STRIPS!

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Bigger Isn't Better

—◆◆◆—
Oversized
appliances waste
energy. Don't get
more machine
than you need!

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**Shape Is
Important**

FRIDGES WITH
FREEZERS ON TOP
AND FRONT-LOADING
WASHING
MACHINES ARE
MORE EFFICIENT.



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Look For The Yellow Labels

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EnergyGuide
labels show the
appliance's
second price
tag—its operating
costs.



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**Use Advanced or
Smart Power Strips**

They save energy
by shutting off
power to
appliances that
aren't in use.



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Get Unplugged

Home electronics
draw energy if
they're plugged
in—even when
they're off.



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Get Fresh Air

Hang your
laundry outside in
good weather or
use the drying
rack. It's free!

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Wash Cold

Wash laundry
with cold water.
Hot water is only
needed for very
dirty items.



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Special Features

Look for high-efficiency features like soil-sensing detectors and automatic shutoffs.

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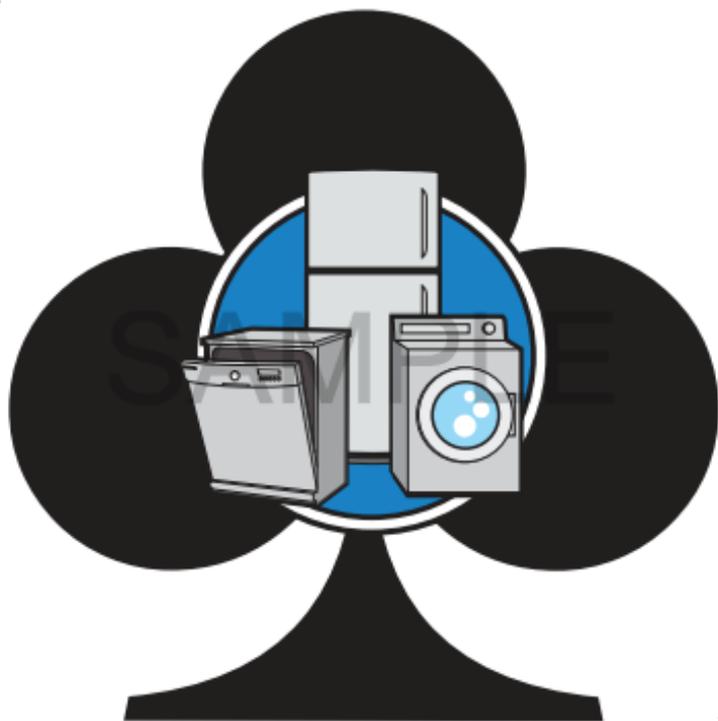


Buy ENERGY STAR

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ENERGY STAR
appliances meet
the highest energy
efficiency
standards.

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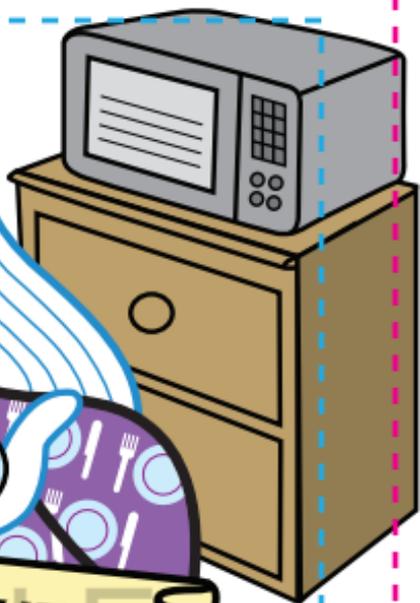


KING OF KITCHENS

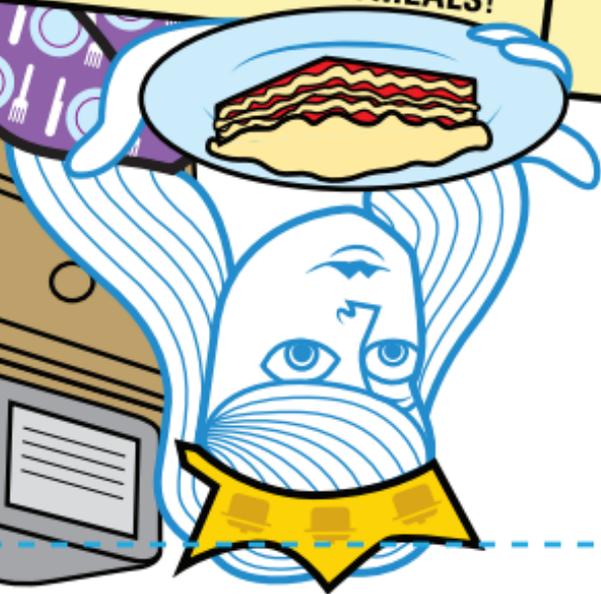
RUNS FULL LOADS OF DISHES!



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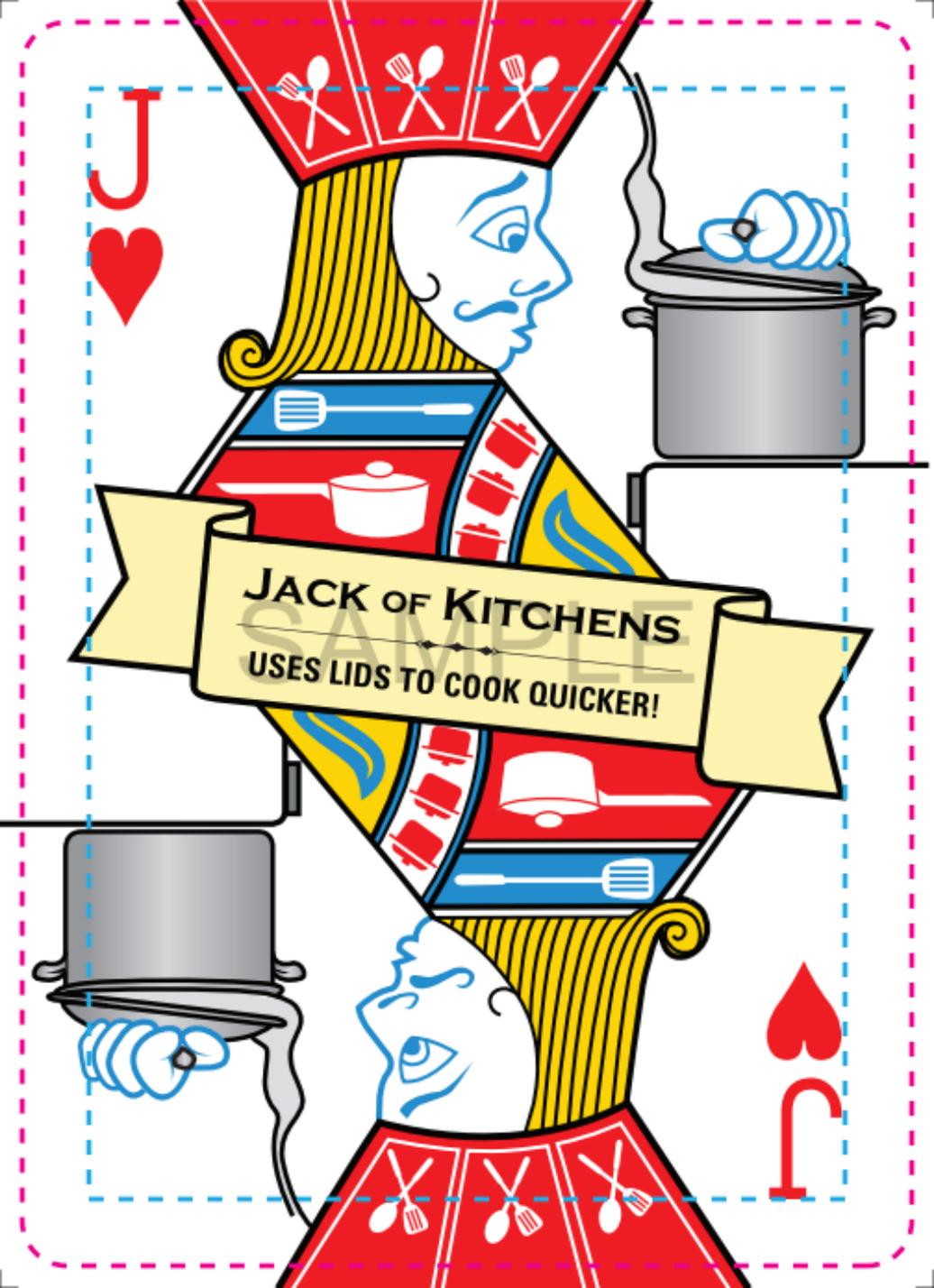
QUEEN OF KITCHENS
MICROWAVES SMALL MEALS!



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JACK OF KITCHENS
USES LIDS TO COOK QUICKER!

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Don't Peek!

— ◆ ◆ ◆ —

You lose heat
every time you
open the oven
door or lift a
pot lid.

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**Pick
ENERGY STAR**

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fridges are more
efficient than
others. They save
energy and
money.

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Full Loads Only

It costs the same to wash one dish as it does to run a full load.



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The Right Stuff

Use glass or ceramic pans in the oven. They heat faster than metal pans.

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Stay Cool

Keep your
fridge between
36°F and 38°F.
Set your freezer
between
0°F and 5°F.

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Zap Small Meals

—◆◆◆—
Microwaves and
crockpots use
less energy than
the stove or oven.

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Put A Lid On It

Using a lid keeps steam in, helping food cook quicker, which saves energy.



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Unplug The Second Fridge

—◆◆◆—
An extra fridge
costs \$100–\$200
per year to run.

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Air Dry Dishes

Using the air dry
option on your
dishwasher
saves energy
and money.

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KING OF WATER
FIXES LEAKY FAUCETS!



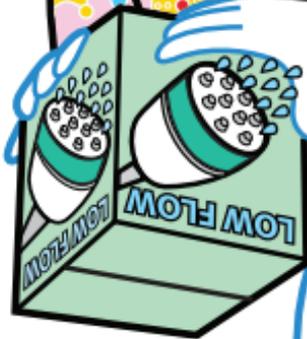
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QUEEN OF WATER

INSTALLS LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEADS!



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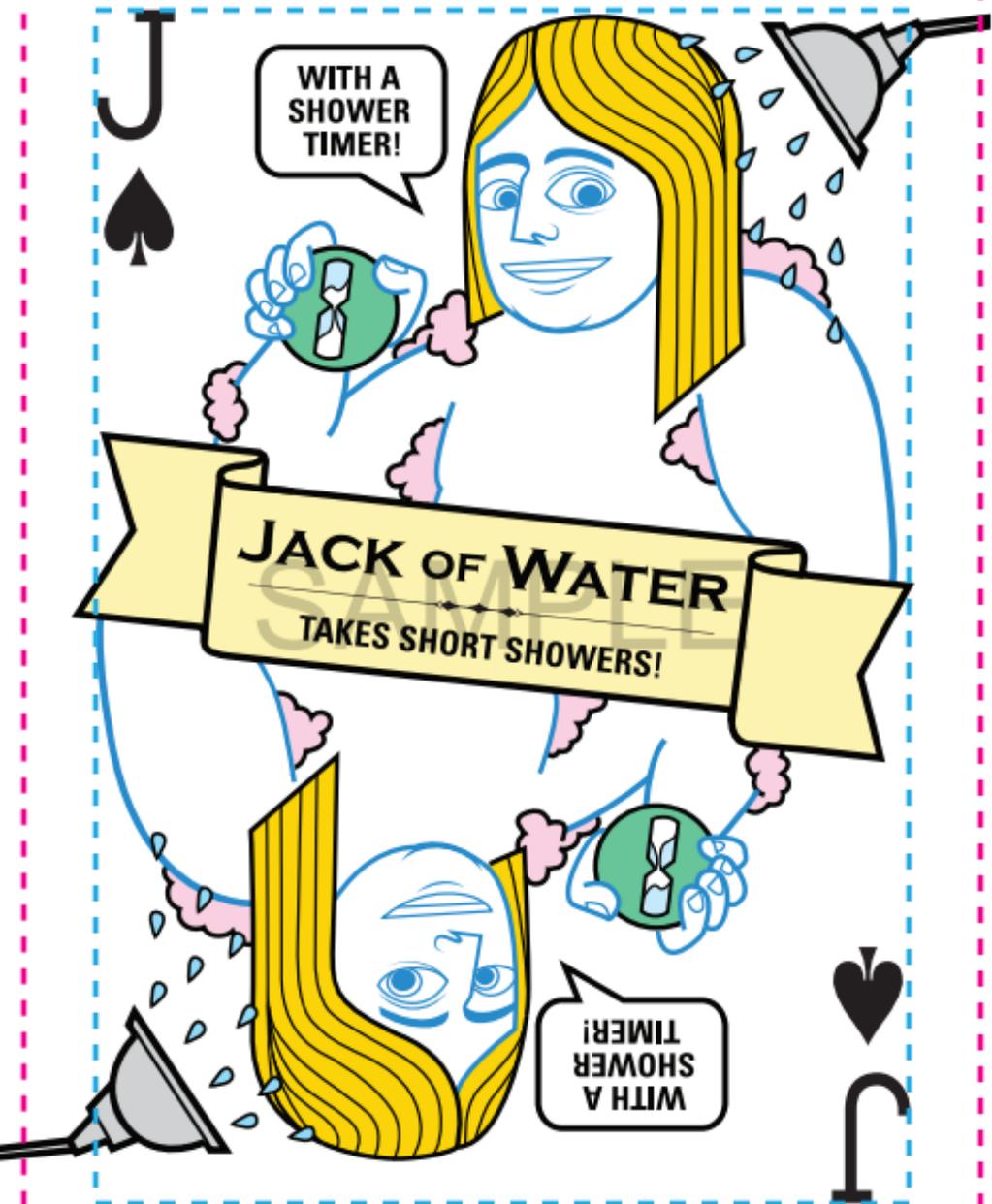
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WITH A
SHOWER
TIMER!

JACK OF WATER
TAKES SHORT SHOWERS!

WITH A
SHOWER
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Going On Vacation?

— ◆ ◆ ◆ —
Turn the water
heater thermostat
down (or off, if
there's no risk of
pipes freezing).



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**Turn Off
The Tap**

Don't leave water
running if you
don't need it.
Small savings
add up.



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Get Shower Power

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Low-flow
showerheads
use $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$
the water that
regular shower-
heads use.

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Go Low-Flow

Install low-flow
aerators on
faucets to reduce
the amount of
water going down
the drain.

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**Buy The
Right Size**

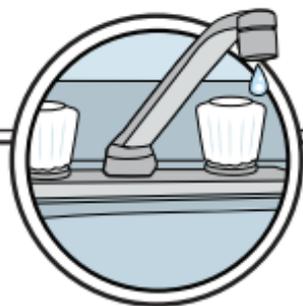
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If your water
heater is too big,
you'll pay to heat
up water you
don't need.



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Fix Leaky Faucets

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Just 30 drops a
minute can
waste up to 50
gallons a month.

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Take Short Showers

They use less
hot water
than baths.



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Turn Down The Heat

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Setting the water
heater thermostat
at 120°F could
save 10% on your
energy bill.

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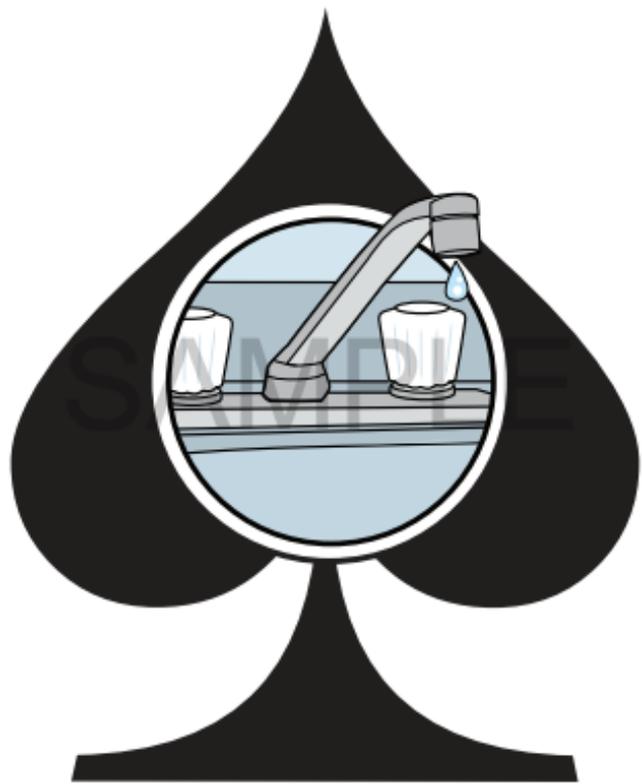


**Use Less,
Save Twice**

Reducing your hot
water use saves
on both the cost of
the water and the
cost of heating it.

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Q: How many Jokers does it take to screw in a lightbulb?



A: None! LEDs last 10-15 years.

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Q: How many Jokers does it take to install a low-flow showerhead?



A: One—it's that easy!

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There's not much you can do about the price of energy, but there are lots of ways to cut the cost of your energy bill.

Most families can save by taking simple steps to reduce the amount of energy they use.



**For more information about
saving energy in your home,
check out these sources:**

**The American Council for an
Energy-Efficient Economy's Consumer
Guide to Home Energy Savings**
www.aceee.org/consumer

**United States Consumer Product
Safety Commission**
www.cpse.gov

**The United States
Department of Energy Tips**
www.energy.gov/energysaver

Energy Star
www.energystar.gov

On these cards, you'll find energy-saving suggestions to reduce your energy bill, including ways to save on lighting, appliances, water, and in the kitchen. Follow the tips and you could see real savings each month.



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