

Efficiency Top 10

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Summer Energy Saver Tips

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1	CIRCULATION – Cool & The Fan Ceiling and window fans use less energy than ACs	7	ROOM TO BREATHE – H.V.A.C. Clean the area around outdoor AC units and keep in a shaded area, if possible
2	CHANGE ME – The Dirty Filters Clean or replace AC filters regularly to maximize their efficiency	8	ATTIC BREEZE – Seals & Ducts Check if your attic and walls have proper insulation to keep warm air from coming in and drive hot air out with a whole house fan
3	LOSING MY COOL – Windows + Doors Add/repair weatherstripping or caulk around windows and doors to prevent leaks	9	COLD WATER WASH – The Laundry Use the washer with full loads on cold and avoid using during hottest part of the day
4	TURN IT UP – Therm.o.stat Program or set to 80° F or higher for when you aren't home and overnight	10	WRAP ME GENTLY – Water Heater Reduce the temperature on your water heater and wrap with a specially designed blanket
5	(DON'T) LET THE SUN SHINE IN – The Shades Keep curtains and blinds closed to block out strong sunlight	★	ENERGY STARS – New Appliances on the Block Consider upgrading old appliances to energy efficient models
6	ALL ABOUT THAT GRILL (NO OVEN) – The Outdoor Cooks Use your stove and oven sparingly or cook during cooler times of the day		

Summer Efficiency Checklist

These simple steps can help increase your energy efficiency, keep your home comfortably cool, and keep your bills down.

Reset the temperature

- Thermostat: Program or set to 78° F or higher for when you aren't home and overnight
- Water heater: Reduce to 130° F
- Refrigerator: 36° to 39° and your freezer at 0° to 5°

Fans

Ensure ceiling and window fans are well placed for circulation of cool air when home and use a whole house fan to remove hot air from the attic

Filters

Clean or replace AC filters regularly to maximize their efficiency

Leaks

Check weatherstripping or caulk around windows and doors and seals in ductwork to ensure you aren't losing cool air

Curtains

Close shades or blinds on east, north, and south facing windows that get a lot of sunlight during the day

Cooking

Plan meals that can be made on a grill, in the microwave, or prepared in advance to avoid using the oven or stove during the hottest parts of the day

Insulation

Check if your attic and walls have proper insulation to keep warm air from coming in

Cleaning

Wash laundry and dishes only with full loads on cold and avoid using appliances during the hottest part of the day

ACs

Clear the area around outdoor units from weeds or other items and clean filters if needed.

Trees

Plant or maintain trees on the east and south side of your home to create a natural sun shade

Looking for more tips?

Request an energy efficiency audit from your public power utility to find out where else you may be able to find energy savings, and special deals on efficiency upgrades.

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