

Summer

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS



prevent hot air from sneaking in

Caulk and weather strip to seal leaky doors, windows and your attic access to keep hot air outside where it belongs.



ceiling fans are smart and cool

Ceiling fans allow you to raise your thermostat setting about **4°** without any comfort loss. Cool!

plant power-line friendly trees

One well-placed tree can reduce cooling costs by **25%**. Leafy shade trees should be planted to the south and west and evergreens to the north.



apply sun block

Close your curtains and blinds on the sunny side of your home to block out the heat. Open them on the shady side to take advantage of the free light source.



cool savings

Take cooler showers or baths, and use the bathroom vent fan to remove heat and humidity.



\$\$\$\$\$ down the drain

Repair any leaky faucets. Hot water leaks can waste up to **1,661** gallons of water in just one year.

keep your outside system clean

Make sure that your air conditioning unit is clean and free of debris, and schedule regular maintenance so it will run efficiently.



turn down the temp

The recommended water heater setting is **120°**.

Before you leave on a vacation, turn your water heater off so that it won't cycle and heat water while you're away.



power down and save

TVs, game consoles and DVRs continue to draw power, even after they are switched off. Use power strips or unplug electronics to avoid wasting kilowatts.



cut the heat

On hot days, avoid using appliances that create heat and humidity. Summer is the perfect time to line dry clothes!

