



Take the heat off summer cooling costs

There are dozens of ways to keep your energy costs under control during the hottest months of the year – and given this summer's abnormally warm weather, staying cool has resulted in higher energy use. Here are some ideas to help lower your summer energy bills:

Have your air conditioner regularly maintained Having a professional inspection of your heating and cooling systems on a regular basis will help lower your bills 3 to 10% as well as maximize the life of your furnace or air conditioner.

Close blinds, shades and draperies to reflect the sun's heat The sun's energy can have a noticeable effect on the temperature in your home, especially from windows facing south and west. Keep window shades and drapes closed during summer months to let in the sun's radiant heat.

Minimize the use of major appliances Minimize the use of ovens, stoves, dryers and other major appliances on very hot days. Their usage could require the air conditioner to run longer.

Reverse the direction of your ceiling fan By changing the direction to counter-clockwise in the summer, the fan will circulate the cool air. With this cooling effect, you could comfortably raise your thermostat three to four degrees. Remember – for every degree you raise the air conditioning thermostat, you can save 1 to 3% on cooling costs. Don't forget to change the direction back to clockwise in the winter.

Turn off the ceiling fan when not in the room Ceiling fans cool people – not rooms. If the room is unoccupied, turn off the ceiling fan to save energy.

Turn up the thermostat An optimal setting for improved energy efficiency is at or above 78 degrees. For every degree you turn up the temperature, you could save 1% to 3% on your cooling bill.

Seal air leaks Caulk and weather strip around windows and doors to keep the cold air from escaping.

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