



TAKE THE HEAT OFF

summer cooling costs

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 keep out the sun's heat.

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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 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.

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.

Close the fireplace damper An open damper will allow the conditioner air to escape.

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Appliance Recycling (for Homeowners with Vectren Electric Service)

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