

Take The Heat Off SUMMER COOLING COSTS

Here are some simple tips to help conserve energy and keep your house cool during this period of extreme heat:

Have your air conditioner maintained

annually by a qualified technician and check your air filter monthly.

Consider upgrading to an ENERGY STAR®

air conditioner. If the central air conditioning unit is more than 12 years old, replacing it with an ENERGY STAR qualified model could cut cooling costs by 30%.

Close blinds, shades and draperies to reflect

the sun's heat. Remember that white window coverings reflect sunlight, and dark coverings will absorb the heat.

Reverse the direction of your ceiling fan.

By changing the direction to counter-clockwise in the summer, the fan will circulate the cool air.

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 2% to 3% on your cooling bill.

Caulk and weather strip around windows

and doors to keep the cold air from escaping.

Minimize the use of major appliances on

very hot days. Their usage could require the air conditioner to run longer.

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Responsibility for gas piping

The customer is responsible for the maintenance of all gas piping from the gas meter to all gas appliances. Buried gas piping that is not maintained is subject to potential hazards of corrosion and leakage. For your safety, all buried gas piping should be periodically inspected for leaks. If the buried piping is metallic, it should also be periodically inspected for corrosion. If an unsafe condition is found, the gas piping will need to be promptly repaired.

When digging near buried gas piping, the piping must be located in advance and digging should be done by hand. Plumbing and heating contractors can assist in locating, inspecting and repairing customers' buried pipelines. State law requires that you must call at least two (2) full working days before you dig.

Call Before You Dig

811 or 1-800-382-5544, 24 hours a day, seven days a week!



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Gas appliance connector safety

Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to natural gas supply pipes. Some older uncoated brass connectors may have a serious flaw in the end pieces and, over time, can separate from the tubing and cause a serious gas leak, explosion or fire. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, these uncoated connectors have not been made for 20 years, but many are still in use. Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with a new plastic-coated brass or stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending or corrosion and should be replaced whenever the appliance is moved or relocated.



Warning: Only a qualified professional plumber, HVAC or appliance repair contractor should inspect and, if needed, replace your connector. Moving the appliance, even slightly, can cause the complete failure of one of these older, weakened connectors and possibly result in a deadly fire or explosion.

Customer Service

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