

# Save energy and save money

Low cost and no cost tips to use less energy, save money and improve the comfort of your home this summer



## Use your thermostat wisely

Set your thermostat to the highest comfortable temperature possible. Invest in a smart thermostat to automatically change the temperature based on your daily schedule.



## Fans can increase comfort

Fans are less expensive to run than your air conditioner, and they can do a lot to cool the room you are in. A ceiling fan will allow you to set your thermostat about 4°F higher with no reduction in comfort. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.



## Replace your air filters

Replacing air filters is one of the easiest and most cost effective steps you can take to help your air conditioner run efficiently. Dirty filters make your air conditioner work harder and use more energy. High temperatures require your unit to run longer, so replace your filters more frequently in summer.



## Use drapes and window coverings

Close the curtains or blinds during the hottest times of the day, especially on Southern- and Western-facing walls. This simple action can block out heat from the sun, keeping the temperature lower in your living space.



## Minimize use of the oven

Your conventional oven can introduce unwanted heat into your home, reducing your comfort and forcing your air conditioner to work harder. Use a microwave or slow cooker, or consider grilling outside.



## Consider the timing of chores

Washing machines, clothes dryers, irons and dishwashers can add heat and moisture to your home. Limit these activities to early morning or evening hours.



## Turn off the lights

Make it a habit to turn off lights when you leave a room. If you have incandescent light bulbs in your home, replace them with LED bulbs. LED bulbs use a fraction of the energy that incandescent bulbs use, and they generate much less heat. This is an investment that will pay for itself in energy savings.