



Record highs got you down?

We're all feeling the heat. As record summer temperatures generate record electric use, we're all looking for ways to stay cool at home without creating high utility bills.

Remember, energy conservation doesn't have to mean installing expensive equipment or undergoing major renovations.

Making small and simple changes at home is one way to help manage your electric bill.



Energy conservation matters. Start at home with these no-cost, low-cost tips to save energy and money:

Raise It. A setting of 78 degrees (F) is recommended in the summer and for every degree you raise your thermostat you can save between 1 and 4 percent on your cooling bill. Setting your thermostat to a lower temperature than normal will not cool your home faster.

Power Down. Electronics like televisions and computers use electricity and emit heat even when not in use. Plugged into a power strip, these devices are easily switched on and off when not in use.

Keep It Clean. Washing the outside coils of your air conditioner and clearing high grass and debris around it will prevent blockage of the air flow.

Put It Off. To avoid additional build-up of heat in your home, postpone the use of heat producing appliances like dryers and dishwashers until later at night or early morning. Also use ceiling or portable fans to circulate air and you will feel 4 to 6 degrees cooler.

For these and more energy conservation tips visit:

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