

Summer Energy Conservation Tips

- Defer use of washing machines, driers and dish washers from mid-day through the evening
- Minimize use of your oven and stove during the heat of the day
- Close blinds, window shades and curtains during the day
- Turn up your thermostat
- Ensure your air filter is clean and air is able to flow unrestricted
- Unplug electrical devices not being used, especially items such as chargers that use power even when they are not being used
- Keep doors and windows closed if you are using your air conditioning system
- Check for and repair air leaks around doors and windows
 - Other air leaks can be found around electrical outlets, outside faucets, where your air conditioning lines enter the home, fireplace or any location where the outside wall has been penetrated
- Check the thermostat setting of your hot water heater, reduce to 120 to 140 degrees
- Turn off lights when you leave a room
- Turn off computers when not being used
- Turn off ceiling fans when no one is in the room
- Clean the coils of dust and dirt on the back of your refrigerator and freezers
- Ensure your air conditioning system's outside unit has unobstructed air flow around it
- Ensure your air conditioner's registers do not have anything blocking them

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