

Top 10 Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Simple ways to save energy and money at home

1. Set your air conditioner thermostat as high as comfortable – we recommend **78° or higher** when you're home. Use a [smart thermostat](#) to automatically adjust the temperature.
2. Have your central air conditioner tuned up and **clean or replace filters** monthly for efficient operation.
3. Keep **blinds and curtains** closed during the day. Open **windows** during cooler evening hours.
4. Use ceiling and portable **fans** to stay comfortable.
5. Minimize indoor heat in the afternoon: **run the dryer and dishwasher at night** on hot days and let your dishes air dry. Use a microwave, toaster oven or outdoor grill instead of the oven.
6. Set your **water heater to 120°** and use efficient showerheads.
7. **Wash clothes in cold water** and clean the lint filter in the dryer after every use.
8. **Unplug appliances and electronics** when not in use. To make it easier, plug home electronics, such as TVs, DVD players and computers into advanced power strips.
9. **Remove, or unplug, extra freezers or refrigerators** if you can, especially if they spend the summer outdoors or in a garage.
10. If you have a **pool**, consider upgrading to a variable speed pool pump to save on energy costs. Also be sure to keep the intake grates clear of debris.

