



Energy Saving Tips

Save electricity – save money – save the environment!

- A **central air conditioner** running 24 hours a day will more than **TRIPLE** your daily electricity consumption. The cost to run a central air conditioning unit on a 24-hour basis averages 30¢ an hour, or \$7.00 – \$12.00 a day.
- A room or **window air conditioner** left running 24 hours a day can **DOUBLE** your average energy consumption. The cost to run a room air conditioner on a 24-hour basis averages 9¢ an hour, or \$2.00 – \$3.00 a day.
- A **ceiling fan** costs about 1¢ per hour of operation.
- A **portable fan** costs about 1¢ per 2 hours of operation.
- Keep air conditioning thermostats set at **25°C (77°F) or higher**.
- Use a programmable thermostat. Apply for a **free peaksaver[®] thermostat by calling 1-866-323-0206**.
- **Don't set your thermostat at a colder setting** than normal when you first turn on your air conditioner.
- **Turn off lights** during the day and keep blinds drawn so you can keep air conditioning use to a minimum.
- **Turn off air conditioning at night and open windows**.
- If you use a **ceiling fan or tabletop fan** in conjunction with air conditioning, the "wind chill" effect means you can set your air conditioner higher to 26° or 27°C (79° to 80°F) and still be comfortable.
- **Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but not to block the airflow**.
- **Try to put your window air conditioner in a window that faces north or is shaded**.
- If you have a central air conditioning unit, **consider closing off the dampers of your basement ducts** to force more cool air to upper rooms.
- **If you have a fireplace, keep the damper tightly closed when not in use**.
- **Be sure you check your air conditioning filter** once a month and clean or replace if dirty.
- **Set the fan switch on a central air system or room air conditioner to "automatic" instead of "on" or "continuous"**.
- **Keep doors and windows closed when the air conditioning is on**.
- **When shopping for a central or window air conditioning unit**, choose newer ENERGY STAR[®] qualified models. Visit www.coolsavingsrebate.com for rebates.
- **Turn off pilot lights on gas fireplaces** during the summer months.
- **Turn off lights when not in use**.
- Plug computers, home entertainment equipment, and battery chargers into **power bars**, and turn off when not in use to eliminate phantom power consumption.
- **Recycle your old energy-guzzling refrigerator**. For a **FREE pickup**, call 1-877-797-9473 today.
- **Keep refrigerators away from sunlight or heat sources**.
- **Replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent bulbs**.
- **Cook outdoors or use the microwave**.
- **Shower and run your dishwasher, washer and dryer early in morning or late at night**.
- **Avoid heating your pool by using a solar blanket**.
- **Install a timer, and set it to run your pool pump during off-peak hours**.

Did you know ... air conditioning can account for up to 50% of your summer electricity bill. So try to use it only when necessary to remain comfortable.

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