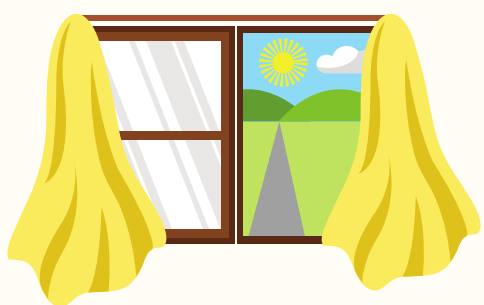


# SUMMER ENERGY- SAVING TIPS

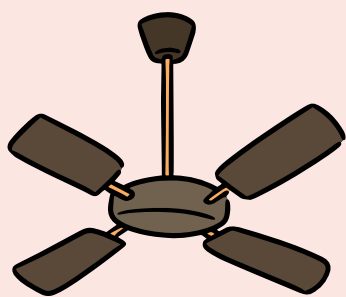
How to save money on your energy bill during the hot days of August



Roughly 40% of unwanted heat buildup in our homes is through windows. Use awnings or curtains to keep the heat out. Close blinds on the sunny side of your home.



Check the weather stripping on doors and windows to keep the cool air in.



Get the most out of your ceiling fan. In the summer, your fan should be set to spin in a counterclockwise motion, to create a downdraft of air. (In winter, you want it clockwise, to create an updraft.)



Air-dry after a laundry wash. Your tumble dryer is a huge energy eater.



If you're working from home, use a laptop instead of a desktop. A laptop will use 75 kWh per year, while a desktop will use 194 kWh each year.

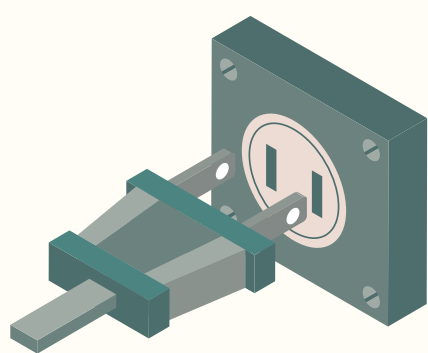
Set your water heater to the "low" setting or 120 degrees.



Switch to energy-saving light bulbs. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and light emitting diodes (LEDs) are more efficient than halogen lights.



Take shorter showers. And consider changing your shower head to an eco-version. A family of four could easily save about \$100 a year.



Unplug electronics when not in use. If you leave them plugged in, they continue to draw power and cost you dollars. And if possible, use a power strip to turn off electronics from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Delay using heat-producing appliances, such as your oven or dryer, until after 7 p.m. Also, delay using your washer until after 7 p.m.

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