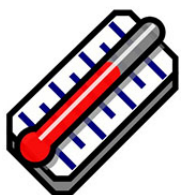


CHANGE YOUR HABITS

Defeat Energy Wasters

Summer Electric Usage



Air Conditioning

- Set your thermostat on 78 degrees for central air conditioning. For every degree you lower the thermostat in summer, you increase your cost by 3 - 4 %.
- If you do not have central air conditioning, check with your Property Management office first before installing one. Buy a window air conditioner that is a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 10 or more. The higher the SEER, the less the operating cost.
- Close blinds and drapes in the summer to keep the heat from the sun out.
- Keep doors and windows closed when the air conditioning is operating.



Appliances

- Separate your wash loads by type of clothing. Lightweight fabrics take less time to dry.
- Always wash and dry full loads of clothes.
- Keep the lint filter clean so the dryer works efficiently.
- Keep food away from refrigerator walls to circulate air and keep things cool.

Hot Water Heaters

- Showers use less hot water than baths.
- The AHA sets hot water heaters at 120 degrees for efficiency and safety.



Around Your Home

- Turn off kitchen range and bathroom vents when not in use.
- Lights out when you leave a room, as well as TVs, radios, etc.
- Switch to compact fluorescent or LED bulbs. They use less energy and last longer.
- Watch out for Phantom Energy Drainers - phone chargers left plugged in, computers left on, etc.
- Do not block air vents with furniture and be sure to vacuum/dust them to keep them operating efficiently.

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