

Sweet Summertime Savings



Summer is right around the corner. As the temperatures start going up, don't let your electric bill climb with it. Incorporating a few small changes into your lifestyle can help you manage your electric costs better and lead to valuable savings. Here are a few simple tips to keep your electric costs down this summer.

1. **Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible.** The smaller the temperature difference between your home and outdoors, the lower your cooling expense will be.
2. **Seal cracks and any openings.** This will help prevent warm air from seeping into your home.
3. **Utilize your ceiling fan.** Ceiling fans are great for cooling off rooms and allow you to reduce your air conditioning by 4 degrees without reducing your comfort level.
4. **On warmer days, try to avoid using the oven.** To avoid adding additional heat to your house, cook on the stovetop, microwave or grill outdoors instead.
5. **Close the blinds.** Keep the sun from heating your home during the hottest part of the day.
6. **Switch to LED lighting.** Incandescent bulbs turn 90% of the energy they use into heat.
7. **Wash laundry in warm or cold water.** Try to avoid the hot setting, which uses more energy to heat the water.

Major Milestone Achieved for Renewable Energy



The United States has consumed more energy from renewable sources such as solar and wind than from coal this past year, according to US Energy Information Administration (EIA) stats.¹ This is the first time this milestone has been reached since 1885, when hydropower was introduced. Renewable energy is booming, while coal consumption declined by another 15%. Although the EIA stats apply only to consumption and not to power generation, many utilities have pledged to work toward becoming carbon-free. As consumers push for renewable energy, the shift away from fossil fuels and toward cleaner energy sources will only continue to grow.

¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/28/business/coal-renewable-energy-solar-wind/index.html>

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