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MC2 Explores the Midwest Solar Expo

MC2's community solar experts, Sharon Alegado and Charlie Sutton, recently attended the Midwest Solar Expo in Rosemont, IL, where they explored opportunities for expanding and enhancing the state's community solar programs with community solar project owners, developers, policymakers and utility professionals.



About the Midwest Solar Expo

The Midwest Solar Expo is the Midwest's premier solar and clean energy event. It is designed to foster collaboration and innovation within the solar energy sector. The expo serves as a crucial platform for industry professionals to connect, share insights and discover the latest advancements in solar technology as we navigate the evolving landscape of renewable energy.

Event Highlights

- **Conference Sessions:** A series of in-depth presentations and discussions led by industry experts. Topics range from emerging solar technologies to policy updates and market trends.
- **Exhibition Hall:** Leading solar companies showcase their cutting-edge products and services on the bustling expo floor. Attendees can see the latest innovations in solar panels, inverters, energy storage solutions and more.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Dedicated networking sessions, cocktail receptions and roundtable discussions give attendees ample opportunities to connect with peers, potential partners and key decision-makers in the industry.
- **Workshops and Training:** Hands-on workshops and training sessions provide practical insights and strategies that attendees can apply directly to businesses and projects.

Follow this [link](#) to learn more about the Expo and how to get involved in next year's event.

Smart Energy-Saving Strategies for Summer



As temperatures rise, energy-saving strategies become essential to keep your home cool during the summer months. A mix of free daily practices and simple cost-effective actions make energy more affordable throughout the warmer season. The following tips will help you to not only conserve energy, but also to keep costs down.

1. **Conduct an Energy Assessment:** An energy assessment can pinpoint areas where you can achieve the most significant savings and provide valuable insights

into optimizing energy usage in your home.

2. **Utilize Window Coverings:** Install window coverings to minimize heat gain through your windows during the day. Explore options for treatments and coverings that enhance energy efficiency and help maintain comfortable indoor temperatures.
3. **Operate Thermostats Efficiently:** Set your thermostat to keep temperatures comfortable and control humidity. Minimize the difference between indoor and outdoor temperatures to reduce your overall cooling expenses. Program your thermostat to automatically raise temperatures when you're away and lower them when you return to ensure efficient cooling without sacrificing comfort.
4. **Use Fans and Ventilation:** Use ceiling fans for personal cooling but remember to turn them off when you leave the room, as they cool people, not spaces. Remove heat and humidity with bathroom and kitchen fans that ventilate air to the outside.
5. **Maintain Cooling Systems:** Schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment to ensure optimal performance and energy efficiency. Keep air intake vents clean and unobstructed. Avoid placing heat-generating appliances near thermostats to keep them from setting off the AC.
6. **Consider Lighting and Appliance Efficiency:** Opt for lighting options that operate at cooler temperatures. Take advantage of daylight whenever possible to reduce the need for artificial lighting. Wash full loads of dishes and clothes to maximize the energy efficiency of appliances.
7. **Seal Air Leaks:** Keep indoor temperatures cooler by sealing cracks and openings around doors and windows with caulk or weatherstripping to prevent warm air from infiltrating your home.

By incorporating these strategies into your summer routine, you can effectively manage energy consumption, reduce expenses and contribute to a more sustainable environment. Taking proactive steps toward energy efficiency not only benefits your household, but also promotes the responsible use of energy resources for a brighter future.

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¹The electric supply price to compare is for residential customers. The electric supply prices to compare for other rate classes (in cents per kWh) that are currently applicable include: Watt-Hour Non-Electric Space Heating 6.935 cents/kWh; Demand Non-Electric Space Heating 7.034 cents/kWh; Nonresidential Electric Space Heating 6.256 cents/kWh; Dusk to Dawn Lighting 3.544 cents/kWh; General Lighting 6.209 cents/kWh.

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