

# Take the Heat Off Your Summer Bills

Long summer days and hot weather lead to increased air conditioning use and higher electric bills. Electric use usually reaches its peak in July, when average monthly usage for residential customers typically exceeds 1,200 kilowatt hours.

Following a few simple steps and taking advantage of UniSource's energy efficiency programs can help you reduce your summertime energy expenses.

## Simple Steps

- › Set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree you raise your thermostat can reduce your overall energy costs by about 2-3 percent.
- › Use ceiling or oscillating fans to keep air moving so you feel cooler.
- › Keep window coverings closed, especially during the afternoon in rooms facing west.

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# Energy Efficiency Programs



Your air conditioner and heat pump use more energy than any other appliances in your home. If they're not operating efficiently, you're wasting energy and money and sacrificing comfort. Through the Efficient Home Program, you can receive rebates for instant savings on the purchase and installation of new ENERGY STAR® certified AC units and heat pumps, AC tune-ups and duct sealing.



Replace traditional bulbs with energy efficient LEDs. ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs use up to 90% less energy, on average, than standard incandescent bulbs. The more bulbs you switch out, the more money you save.



Limited-income households may be eligible for energy efficiency retrofits through UniSource's Weatherization Assistance Program. New insulation, ENERGY STAR® lighting and other home improvements are provided at no cost to eligible recipients, though funding is limited.

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