

Welcome to Summer in Florida

It's sunny, it's hot, and your home's energy use is probably going up.

Summer is the perfect time to make small, low-cost changes that can help reduce energy consumption.

Around the House



Lighting

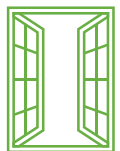
Use LED lights in places where lights stay on for more than three hours a day.

No matter what type of lighting you use, remember to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms.



Windows

Keep windows closed when the air conditioning is on. Close curtains during sunny hours and adjust blinds to reflect sunlight outward.



Natural Ventilation

Open windows only when outdoor humidity is below 55% and the dew point is 60°F or less.

Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning

HVAC System

HVAC systems use the most electricity in many Florida homes. To keep them efficient, clean filters monthly, keep vents open, and make sure airflow is not blocked.

Outside, keep plants and objects at least three feet away from the unit.

Thermostat Settings

Setting the thermostat to 78°F or higher can help save energy. Raising it a few degrees at night or when you are away from home can lower electricity use.



Fanning Up More Savings



Ceiling Fans

Ceiling fans can help you stay comfortable while using higher thermostat setting.

Bathroom Exhaust Fans

Run bathroom exhaust fans for about 20 minutes after bathing or showering to remove extra humidity.

Kitchen Exhaust Fans

Run kitchen exhaust fans for about 20 minutes while cooking to remove extra heat and humidity.

More Ways to Save



Computers

Turn off computers when they are not in use. If they need to stay on, turning off the monitor can reduce energy use.



Fireplace

Make sure the damper is closed, and keep stove doors shut to prevent unwanted heat from entering the home.



Aquariums

Keep aquariums covered to reduce indoor moisture in the air and help maintain comfort.



Laundry

Run full loads, clean the dryer vent, and use a clothesline on sunny days, when possible.



Swimming Pool

Use a timer so the pool pump runs only when needed. In summer, about eight hours a day is usually enough.



Hot Water

Consider turning off the water heater if you will be away for two or more days. Set the water heater thermostat to 120°F to save energy.

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