

Take immediate steps to reduce summer energy costs:

Shift heavy-duty chores. Run dishwashers and laundry after 7 PM. Enroll in Peak Time Savings or Hourly Pricing to earn credits or to lower rates.

Seal and shade. Close south-facing blinds during the day and open at night and add draft stoppers to exterior doors to trim cooling costs by up to 10 percent.

Raise it a notch. Each degree you raise the thermostat saves roughly 2% on cooling. A ceiling fan makes a room feel 4 degrees cooler.

Clear the airflow. Move rugs, curtains, and furniture away from vents so your system doesn't have to work as hard, extending equipment life and lowering monthly use.

Cash in on rebates. ComEd's Energy Efficiency Program, offers discounts on ENERGY STAR® window A/C units, smart thermostats, and more. The upfront savings pair with long-term reductions – often 15% or higher – on your annual energy bill.