

WE Energies: Stay cool with these money-saving tips

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Milwaukee – Brutal heat and humidity is heading into Wisconsin this week. Follow these tips to stay cool and save money on your summer energy bill.

No cost

- Keep the sun out. Close blinds, shades and drapes on the sunny side of your home during the day to keep the house cooler.
- Adjust your thermostat. When at home, set it a few degrees higher to save energy. When you are away, adjust your thermostat 7 to 10 degrees higher than your normal setting. This can help you save up to 10% on your energy bill.
- Turn down the heat by delaying heat-producing activities such as cooking, drying and ironing until evenings or when the weather cools.
- Leave thermostat's fan switch on "auto" so the fan only runs when the air-conditioner runs. Setting the fan to "on" causes it to run all the time.
- Manage your energy costs with [Budget Billing](#). Budget Billing spreads your annual charges more evenly over 12 months.

Low cost

- Seal cracks and gaps around windows, doors and siding with caulk and weather stripping. This keeps cool air in and hot air out.
- Use standing and ceiling fans, even if you have air conditioning. Circulating

cool air makes it feel cooler. Ceiling fans should rotate counterclockwise in the summer.

- Install a programmable thermostat and program it for hours when you are away and asleep. Take it the next level and get a smart thermostat that automatically adjusts the temperature settings in your home for peak energy efficiency. Our partners at [Focus on Energy](#) have great options and rebates.
- Schedule regular tuneups for your air conditioner. Seasonal maintenance keeps equipment running safely and efficiently, and saves money in the long run. Partner your air conditioner with a dehumidifier to lower humidity levels in your home.