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Summer energy savings start with simple cooling tips

ere are some simple steps you can take to help keep cooling costs down this summer.

- 1. Set the thermostat to 78°F or higher on your central air conditioner. Adjusting it from 72°F to 78°F can trim your cooling costs by up to 12%.
- 2. Clean or replace filters regularly so your air conditioner runs more efficiently.
- 3. Keep air vents free of obstructions, indoors and out, such as furniture and shrubs.
- 4. Weatherstrip and caulk drafty doors and windows to help keep cool air indoors.

- 5. Find and seal other air leaks, like gaps between walls and pipes.
- 6. Close window coverings to block direct sunlight. Consider solar shade screens, reflective films, awnings or shade trees for exposed windows.
- **7. Switch to fans** when you can comfortably do so. Using a portable or ceiling fan to circulate air in one room costs about 4 cents per hour. Cooling your whole house with central air conditioning costs about \$1 to \$2 per hour, depending on your air conditioner's efficiency and other factors.

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Reduce use, gain rewards

Saving electricity can be rewarding when you sign up for Reduce Your UseSM Rewards. Enroll at **sdge.com/reduceuse** to receive alerts by voice mail. email or text. Farn automatic bill credits when you save enough electricity during Reduce Your Use days.

You may also be eligible to earn even higher Reduce Your Use credits by having a smart thermostat valued at \$300 installed at no cost. Apply at sdge.com/thermostat.

When you're in the market for a new air conditioner, smart thermostat or other energyefficient products, search our online marketplace at marketplace.sdge.com. It's a fast, easy way to compare product prices, features and estimated energy savings, and apply online for rebates.

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Get more ideas for saving energy and money this summer at sdge.com/summer.



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At work or play, stay safe outdoors

Whether you're working on a backyard project or relaxing with family and friends, outdoor activities are popular this time of year. For your own safety - and to help prevent power outages and fires - remember to:

- Keep Mylar balloons, kites, drones, remote-controlled planes and other objects away from power lines.
- Stay at least 10 feet clear of overhead electric lines and any equipment that carries an electric current.
- Never let anything you're touching, such as tools, machinery, a ladder or scaffolding, come in contact with electric lines.
- Keep off of power poles, transformer boxes and electric substation fences.
- Report downed power lines by calling 911 immediately.

Get more tips on electric safety at **sdge.com/electricsafety**.

At your service with My Account: FAQs on convenient options

You've got a storehouse of energy information and services at your fingertips when you enroll in My Account at **sdge.com/MyAccount**. Here are some frequently asked questions about My Account features that can help you save time, save money and manage your energy use.

- Q: What is My Account?
- **A:** It's the tool that gives you online access to your energy service account(s) with us.
- **Q:** Can I switch to paperless billing with My Account?
- A: Yes. We can email your bill to you and let you know when it's due. You'll be able to securely pay your bill online. My Account enrollment is optional if you have your SDG&E® bill delivered electronically to your home banking or bill payment website. Either way, paperless billing reduces clutter, and saves time, postage and trees.
- Q: What else can I do with My Account?
- **A:** Set up alerts to track your energy use and costs.
 - Build a customized energysaving action plan by taking My Energy Survey.



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- Book gas appliance safety checkups.
- Set up automatic payments.
- Arrange for more time to pay your bill.
- View up to 25 months of account activity.
- **Q:** Can I access My Account on my mobile device?
- **A:** Yes. Download our free app at **sdge.com/mobileapp**.
- **Q:** How can I learn more about using My Account?
- **A:** View the videos at **sdge.com/ myaccountvideo**.





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