

ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

Keep Your Air Conditioning In Check

(NAPSA)—The warmest days of summer have many of us turning down our thermostats in search of comfort. To keep cool this summer, without sending your utility bills soaring, follow these tips:

- Turn the thermostat up when you're going to be away from home for more than eight hours.

- Install a programmable thermostat to automatically raise the temperature when you're away from home and lower it before your return.

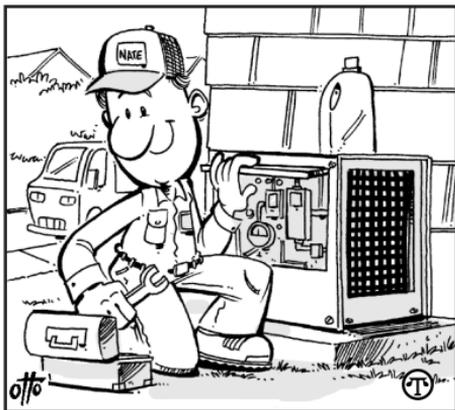
- Don't obstruct airflow. Keep plants and landscaping three feet away to ensure proper airflow.

- Clean or change air filters monthly, and more often if the air conditioner is in constant use, operates in dusty conditions, or you have pets. A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work longer and harder, resulting in increased utility bills and more wear and tear on the unit.

- When the sweltering days subside, use fans to keep air circulating and cool your home.

- How old is your equipment? Older models may not be as energy efficient and you may save money by installing a more energy efficient model.

- Have your cooling system checked early in the year by a NATE-certified technician to insure optimum performance.



Installing a more energy-efficient air conditioner can make financial sense. Ask an expert.

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