

Give appliances **the afternoon off**

Your appliances already work hard for you. Why not give them the afternoon off on a hot day? You'll not only keep the heat down in your home, reducing the need to turn up the air-conditioning, but you'll also help reduce strain on the power grid during times of peak demand. And that helps keep the lights on for everyone.

And while we're on the topic of appliances, consider these other energy-saving tips:

- Always wash a full load of clothes or use the variable water level adjustment for smaller loads.
- Clean the clothes dryer lint trap after every load and be sure the dryer's exhaust line is clean.
- Put full loads in the dishwasher and use the "energy saving" setting for the drying cycle, or let dishes air dry.
- Use your microwave oven instead of your stove as much as possible in the summer.
- Leave space between your refrigerator and the surrounding walls and cabinets to allow air to circulate around the coils. Poorly ventilated coils could increase your refrigerator's energy usage.

You can also check our website for ways to cash in by recycling your old refrigerator or freezer, and buying ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances. To learn more about how you can save energy and money, please visit www.sce.com.

AC Alternatives

When hot weather is here and you want the big chill – without the high bill – consider using alternatives to air conditioning that use less energy. By doing so, you can save money and help conserve California's energy resources.



Use fans two ways: to circulate air, and to remove heat from the house. Investigate the benefits of portable fans, whole-house fans and ceiling fans.

An evaporative or "swamp" cooler can help reduce your air conditioning usage. This technology is ideal for hot, dry climate zones.



Open windows on cool days and nights; close windows tight when it's hot outside.

Roof whitening and attic ventilation reduce indoor temperatures by either reflecting heat away from the roof or allowing natural air currents to ventilate the attic.



Landscaping with broad, leafy shade trees that block the sun will reduce the amount of solar radiation heating the house.

For more ways to save energy on hot days, please visit www.sce.com/saveenergy.

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Friendly Reminder Notification

Sometimes a friendly reminder is all it takes to keep on top of your electric bill. Do you know someone – perhaps a parent, elderly relative or friend – who has trouble remembering to pay bills? We can help.

SCE offers residential customers a free program called Friendly Reminder Notification. When a bill comes past due, we'll notify a designated third party such as a friend, relative, clergyman or public agency and send an alert about the non-payment.

The third party is not responsible for paying the bill, but will receive a regular reminder. Both the customer and third party must sign an authorization form to participate.

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