

TIPS FOR SUMMER

Print out these Energy Saving Tips and use the checklist in your home to see Savings on your next bill!!!

DON'T LET YOUR BILL GET YOU IN HOT WATER:

- Install a water saving showerhead. They use on-third to one-half the water that regular shower-heads use.
- Turn the water heater thermostat down to 120 degrees. That saves energy and prevents minor burns. However, if you have an older model dishwasher that does not have a booster heater, you should probably leave the water heater set to 140 degrees.
- Take short showers. They use less hot water than a bath.
- If purchasing a new water heater, buy one that is not larger than required for your household needs. The water heater is the second largest energy user in the home. You are charged for the water and for heating it.

SORT OUT THE LAUNDRY SITUATION:

- Wash laundry in cold water instead of hot water. Hot water only needs to be used for very dirty loads.
- Wash and dry only full loads of laundry. The machine uses about the same amount of water whether you wash a full load or just one item.
- Clean the lint filter after every load. Clogged filters drive up drying costs.
- Check your outside dryer exhaust vent. Make sure it opens and closes freely. If it doesn't close tightly, outside air is getting into your house through the dryer and you will need to replace the exhaust vent.
- Dry clothes outside in good weather. Sunlight is free.
- Use the moisture sensor feature on your dryer if there is one. This way you don't over dry clothes.
- Buy ENERGY STAR washers. These washers use about half the water and electricity of standard washers.