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BEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

EASY AND EFFICIENT WAYS TO HELP KEEP YOUR HOME COOLER THIS SUMMER

In the United States, heating and cooling amount to 56 percent of the average electric bill. Summertime heat can bring high electricity costs as people try to keep their homes comfortable. Fortunately, there are ways to stay comfortable and save money.

The Energy Education Council has the following easy tips to help you cool your home as efficiently as possible:

- Ventilation is one of the most affordable and efficient ways to keep homes cool. When weather permits, open windows to keep air moving.
- Use ceiling fans. They circulate air and take heat from the body's surface to create a cooling affect.
- Use curtains and blinds to keep the sun out on hot days.
- Keep cool air in and hot air out. Avoid unnecessary trips outside, and do not leave the door open.

For more information on how to use electricity more efficiently year-round, visit www.EnergyEdCouncil.org.