



No-Sweat Ways to Save on Summer Cooling Costs

FACT SHEET

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When summer brings in hot, humid air across Wisconsin, we all try to find ways to keep cool. Whether you use fans, air conditioning, or just open the windows, a few simple steps will help cool your home, save energy, and save you some money.

Minimize heat sources in your household

- Use the microwave for cooking instead of the oven.
- Wash dishes and take showers in the evening or early morning.
- Use exhaust fans to vent heat after showers and while cooking.

Did you know?

Not all exhaust fans exhaust air to the outside. Some range hoods just filter the air and then blow it back into the room without removing heat. If there is an opening near the top of your range hood and you feel a breeze from this opening when the fan is switched on, it isn't removing heat.

Let the cool air in

- Open windows in the evening to cool your home or apartment.
- Run exhaust fans to draw cool air in more quickly.
- Use window fans to bring in more cool air.

Keep the heat out

- Close storm windows, drapes and blinds during the day. By keeping the sunshine out, you also keep out lots of heat.



Did you know?

Window fans work best if they fill the window opening completely. If your fan doesn't fill the window, cut pieces of cardboard, wood or foam to fill these spaces.

Keep the air moving

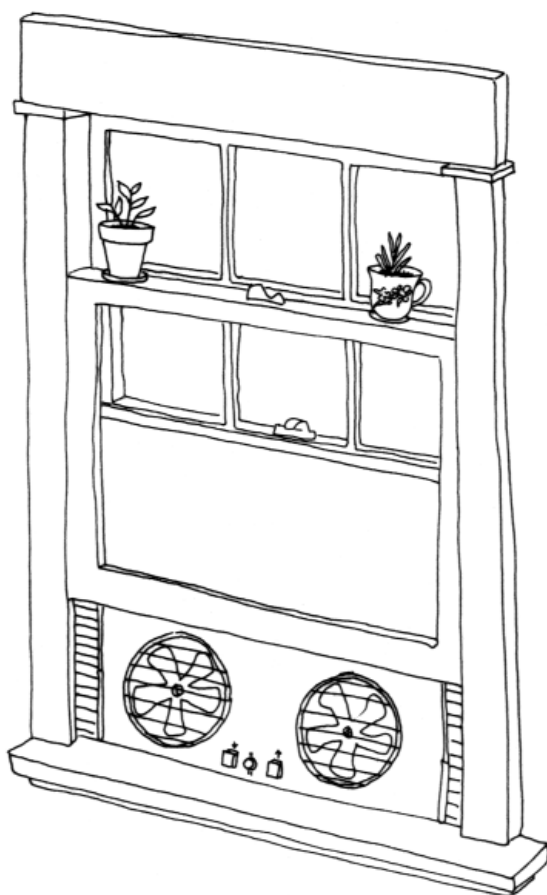
- Use portable fans or window fans to move air around in rooms. The moving air can make a big difference in your comfort.

Did you know?

Moving the air around cools your body but not the room. Turn the fan off when no one is in the room.

Keep window air conditioner filters clean

- Dirty filters reduce the cool air supply. Refer to your owner's manual or contact the manufacturer for instructions.
- If you are a renter, ask the landlord to show you how to clean the filter.



Adjust thermostat for central air conditioning when you aren't home

- Turn the thermostat up a few degrees before you leave for the day. The higher the temperature, the less energy you use.
- On returning home, turn the thermostat back down a few degrees. It takes less energy to recool your home than to keep it cool all day, and the air conditioner fan will move the air and make you feel even cooler.



Are you eligible for help with energy efficiency improvements or heating expenses?

Qualifying Wisconsin residents may be eligible for assistance in making energy efficiency improvements to their homes or to receive help paying winter energy bills. To find out more about eligibility and the programs that are available contact **1.866.432.8947**.

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