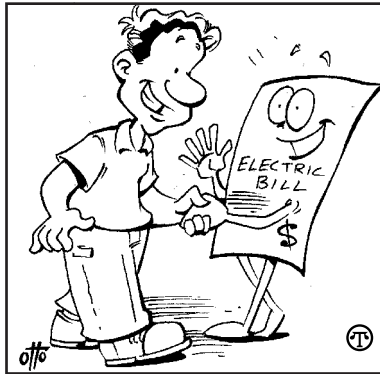


# ENERGY MATTERS

## Saving Energy Can Be Easier Than You Think

(NAPSA)—Small steps can offer big rewards when it comes to saving energy at home this summer.

Following these few simple tips—according to the experts at Edison Electric Institute—can make it possible to conserve



**In unused rooms, shutting down air vents can reduce energy costs.**

energy without sacrificing comfort.

- Set your house's thermostat to 78 degrees when the house is occupied and the low 80s when no one is home. A programmable thermostat can do this automatically.
- Shift energy-using activities—such as doing the laundry—to off-peak evening hours.
- Close off unused rooms by shutting down air vents, turning off window air conditioners and closing doors.
- Run kitchen and bath exhaust fans just long enough to rid the house of unwanted odors and humid air.
- Keep blinds, shades and drapes drawn during the hottest part of the day.
- Clean or replace air conditioner filters regularly.

For more energy saving ideas, contact your electric company or visit [www.eei.org](http://www.eei.org).