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TOWN OF BASIN offers low-cost, no-cost summer energy saving tips

After a cool, wet spring, summer temperatures are finally here. TOWN OF BASIN offers some low cost/no cost steps customers can take to keep their electric costs down as much as possible during the summer months.

The typical U.S. family spends more than \$1,300 a year on home utility bills, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Your local public power utility is continually mindful of keeping power costs as low as possible. Homeowners can take several low-cost or no-cost steps to save energy to lower their utility bills this summer, such as:

- Set your thermostat comfortably higher in the summer. Consider installing a programmable thermostat, which automatically lowers the temperature when you are not at home or are sleeping.
- Consider using a ceiling fan, which can allow you to raise your thermostat setting about four degrees without impacting comfort.
- Use LED lights when possible as they are more efficient than regular incandescent bulbs and give off much less heat.
- Use a power strip for home electronic devices such as televisions and DVD players, and turn off the power strip when not in use (TVs and DVD players in standby mode still use power).
- Turning off your computer/monitor when not in use.
- Eliminating air leaks throughout your house such as gaps between doors, windows frames, baseboards and fireplace dampers.
- Minimize direct sunlight heating your home by closing curtains during the day.
- Insulate and seal air ducts – air loss through ducts accounts for about 30 percent of a cooling system’s energy consumption.

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