

Keep Cool AND Energy Efficient!

- Trim back foliage at least two feet around the air conditioner, and remove debris from nearby
- Replace your air conditioner filter each month when the a/c is in use
- Close windows and doors to increase efficiency while your a/c is running
- Use ceiling fans to make use of the wind chill effect while you are home; set them to spin clockwise during the summer months to push the air down
- Open your windows at night to let in cooler air
- Close curtains and blinds to keep sunlight out on hot days
- Dress in loose, lightweight clothing
- Set your thermostat as high as is comfortable when you are home; the smaller the difference between the thermostat and the outside temperature, the less energy used
- Check for cracks and gaps around windows and doors, and seal them with caulk and weather stripping

Change Habits to BEAT THE PEAK

You can beat the peak (and save money!) by decreasing your power use when energy demand and prices are at their highest. Here are a few tips to help you get started:

Laundry for Less: Full loads mean fewer cycles; and washers and dryers run in the late evenings add less heat and humidity to the home. Energy can cost less outside of peak hours.

Cool Off/Calm Down: Turn off unnecessary lighting and electronics that generate heat; resist the urge to turn down the thermostat; and remember, lower fan settings use less energy.

Intramural Competition: Online gaming with each active player using their own computer, display, gaming console, and Internet connection can be pricey. Play each other at home on one screen and save.

Countertop Convenience: Range or oven cooking can really warm up a kitchen. Microwaves, convection ovens, induction cooktops, a Crockpot, and toaster ovens put more cooking heat where you need it.

Be sure to check our website at butlerrec.coop for the PEAK MONITOR to let you know if our system is normal (green), approaching peak (yellow), or at peak (red).

