



# Hot Tips to Stay Cool

*No-Cost, Low-Cost Tips for Cool Energy Savings*

## CONSERVE AND SAVE.

It's hot outside, but you can be cool indoors and save a little money too.

The following energy saving tips will help you reduce your energy consumption and help you calculate your energy savings, which in turn can reduce your power bill every month.

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when the house is occupied and 85 degrees when vacant (save 1 to 2 percent per degree on cooling costs). If you have an air conditioner, regularly clean/replace the air filters (save up to 5 percent on annual energy costs).

- On hot, sunny days, keep the curtains closed on windows facing south and west (save 2 to 4 percent on cooling costs).
- Caulk and weather-strip around windows and doors (save 1 to 4 percent on cooling costs).
- Use a microwave oven instead of a regular oven (save up to 50 percent on cooking costs).
- Install compact florescent lights in high-use fixtures (save about 66 percent on lighting costs per fixture).
- Wash/dry full loads of clothes and use cold water as much as possible (save 2 to 4 percent on energy costs).

Take advantage of the new federal tax credits when making energy efficiency improvements to your home, such as replacing windows, insulating and sealing ducts; or installing efficient air conditioners, heat pumps, furnace fans or water heaters. Get more information at [energytaxincentives.org](http://energytaxincentives.org).

For more conservation tips and online tools visit [sierrapacific.com](http://sierrapacific.com).



## Conservation Corner

### SEE YA LATER REFRIGERATOR.

Your old refrigerator uses up to four times the electricity of a new one. So, why not recycle it? Save that much leftover energy, and you could save up to \$140 a year on your utility bills. We'll even haul it away free of charge and give you a \$30 incentive. Plus, recycling that fridge will help reduce the state's carbon footprint which means a lot of leftover clean air for our future.

Call 1-877-289-8260 or visit [sierrapacific.com](http://sierrapacific.com) for a free pickup. This program is funded by Sierra Pacific and is available on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is expended. Refrigerators and freezers must be in working condition and at least 10 cubic feet in size. Customers must own the unit(s) being recycled. Limit two units per residential address. A check for \$30 per unit will be mailed to the Sierra Pacific customer within four weeks after the appliance collection.

Some restrictions may apply.



## BUDGET WITH EQUAL PAYMENT.

### Take Charge of Your Finances Billing Option

Take charge of your finances with Equal Payment. With this billing option, we'll take your average power usage and divide it into equal monthly payments — smoothing things out so you can pay the same amount month after month.



This convenient payment option is available exclusively to residential customers. You will be able to compare the cost of your actual usage to the monthly Equal Payment amount.

Your Equal Payment bill will display:

- Your meter readings for the month.
- All the utility charges that would normally be due.
- The Equal Payment amount due.

Your Equal Payment amount may be adjusted if your energy usage is projected to result in an overpayment or under-collection of \$100 or more, or if rates increase or decrease more than 5 percent. If you find the plan is not for you, you can stop at any time by writing or calling your local Sierra Pacific Power office.

Call the Sierra Pacific Power number listed on your bill or to sign up for Equal Payment, visit [sierrapacific.com](http://sierrapacific.com).

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—Solar	<1%	<1%
—Wind	<2%	<2%
Coal	32%	32%
Large Hydroelectric	24%	24%
Natural Gas	31%	31%
Nuclear	3%	3%
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## ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

Electricity always seeks the easiest path to the ground. It tries to find a conductor, such as metal, wet wood, or water. Never touch an energized bare wire or faulty appliance while you are grounded, the electricity will instantly pass through you to the ground, causing a harmful or fatal shock.

Turn off the main switch on your service panel when you need to change a fuse or in case of fire or shock. If you don't have a main switch, turn off all circuit breakers. Remember, do not tamper with the electric meter. You'll risk shock, explosion, or fire.



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