

NEWS RELEASE**For Immediate Release****Contact:** Media Relations, 800-562-9308**Beat the Heat: Dominion Energy Shares Tips to Manage Energy Use as Temperatures Rise**

CAYCE, S.C. (June 30, 2026) – As temperatures rise across South Carolina, Dominion Energy recommends a few simple steps to help customers manage energy usage and bills this summer.

"Air conditioning is typically going to be the largest contributor to overall energy costs in the summer as your system works harder to keep your home cool, especially during periods of extreme heat," said Gerald Freeman, program manager of Dominion Energy South Carolina's Home Energy Checkup program. "Our initial focus is on no- to low-cost steps customers can take to reduce energy use and save on bills during the hotter summer months."

Follow these five tips for conserving energy this summer, and visit [DominionEnergy.com/Save](https://www.dominionenergy.com/save) for more energy-saving tips:

1. **Adjust thermostats to 78 degrees or higher when temperatures rise.** For comfort and efficiency, adjust the thermostat gradually – just one to two degrees at a time – and always set the fan to "auto" to avoid wasting energy. Set it even higher while away from home. A smart thermostat can automatically increase the temperature to maximize savings.
2. **Use fans to help cool the house.** Using a ceiling, box or oscillating fan while increasing the thermostat can lower air conditioning costs up to 14% over the course of the cooling season.
3. **Check and replace air filters regularly.** Also, check ductwork for leaks and tears.
4. **Adjust drapes and blinds according to the time of day.** This will keep out the sun's natural warmth during the day.
5. **Caulk, seal, and weather strip around all seams, cracks and openings – especially exterior doors and windows.** Also, replace old weather stripping around doors.

While energy-saving measures can help reduce energy use and manage bills, Dominion Energy understands some customers may need additional assistance finding options that best fit their budget and needs. Customers can conveniently access many assistance options 24/7 through their online account or Dominion Energy's mobile app. Options include payment plans, budget billing and payment assistance.

In addition to short- and long-term payment plans, energy assistance is offered through Dominion Energy's EnergyShare program, funded by company contributions and donations from customers, employees and retirees. Additional payment assistance is also offered through state and federal programs like the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). More information is available at [DominionEnergy.com/AssistanceSC](https://www.dominionenergy.com/assistanceSC).

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