Summer Energy Saving Tips

Staying home means using more energy. Here are some ways to control your energy use this summer.

Easy Ways to Save

• Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible. Every degree cooler raises your bill by about 1 percent. If you need to buy an A/C, look for an Energy-Star model.

• Replace or clean filters on air conditioners once a month or as recommended.

• Using a fan lets you run your A/C at a higher temperature and still feel cool.

• If you’re working from home, turn your computer off and unplug it when you’re done working. It could help you reduce its energy costs by 33%.

Need help Managing Your Bill?

Budget billing evens out your payments throughout the year so you’ll know exactly how much to budget each month.

Find personalized energy-saving tips and budget billing options at oru.com/myaccount

We’re here to keep you safe and your power reliable

Please know you won’t lose your power now because you’re having trouble making payments.
Summer Supply and Safety

Power Alerts

The PJM Regional Transmission Operator and the New York Independent System Operator are responsible for managing the high voltage grids; both are predicting adequate supply for this summer. During an extreme heat wave, however, these agencies may ask us to urge our customers to quickly reduce electricity use temporarily. This can be done by raising your AC thermostat, turning off non-essential lights and running energy intensive appliances, such as dishwashers, during off-peak hours in the early morning or late at night.

There’s been damage to your electric equipment. Now what?

When a flood, fire or other catastrophic event damages your electric equipment, you’ll need to know what repair steps must be taken, as well as what equipment is yours and what equipment is ours. In some cases, our crews cannot restore your service until your licensed electrician makes repairs and those repairs are inspected by an authorized inspector in your municipality. Visit oru.com/storms to learn more.

Metallic coating on Mylar balloons conducts electricity

When a Mylar balloon comes into contact with a power line or floats into substation equipment, it can cause a short circuit, which can lead to power outages, fires and possible injuries.

• NEVER touch a power line. Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon, kite, or other types of toys or debris that are entangled in an overhead power line or substation. Call us to report the problem at 1-877-434-4100.

• Keep balloons tethered at all times.

• Always properly dispose of Mylar balloons by safely puncturing the balloon in several places, releasing the helium that otherwise could cause the balloon to float away.