



TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY

Maintenance staff will supply air filters to properties where residents have easy access to air returns. Heating and A/C calls are not considered urgent unless the outside temperature warrants it. A/C units can only be expected to keep homes up to about 20 degrees cooler than the outside temperature. We would like to remind residents of the following energy saving tips:

1

Keep temps at moderate levels

In the summer, 72° to 78° is optimal. For winter, 65° to 68° is recommended. Remember, the system can only provide a 20° difference from outside summer temps without overtaxing the system. Never set the thermostat lower or higher than needed, and never turn off the unit entirely. This will affect humidity levels in your home.

2

Use blinds & curtains to keep cool

Keeping windows covered during hot summer days (and alternately, letting the sunlight in during the winter) can keep your home more comfortable. Be sure to keep outside doors and windows closed. Use fans to circulate the air.

3

Save tasks for evening

In the summertime, taking long showers, mopping the floors or doing laundry can cause increased humidity levels and make the A/C unit work harder than it needs to. Save these tasks for when the sun goes down.

4

Make adjustments

Bundle up in the winter to reduce amount of energy you need to stay warm. When leaving the house for more than 4 hours, adjust your temperature by 8-10 degrees. Be sure you aren't blocking any intake returns or air supply vents with furniture or curtains.

