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Atlantic City Electric is aware that the economy is a big issue in the minds of our customers. The summer heat brings on the additional cost of maintaining our homes and businesses at comfortable levels.

In an effort to help our customers better manage their summer energy cost we have provided the following useful tips and continue to encourage our customers to visit our web site for more in-depth tools and information to help them to save.

Hope that you can pass this information on to your constituents! If you need additional information please don't hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

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## **Atlantic City Electric Offers Energy Saving Ideas** *Utility Provides Tips to Help Customers Manage Their Summer Energy Costs*

MAYS LANDING, N.J. – While summer is a great time to enjoy warm weather activities, it is not so pleasing to feel the heat of higher energy bills that are often associated with higher energy use. Atlantic City Electric offers its customers the following energy conservation tips:

- Have your air conditioning system checked by a licensed technician to ensure it is in good working condition.
- If health permits, set your air conditioner's thermostat between 75-78 degrees. Every degree you move your thermostat up can save as much as five percent on your cooling bill.
- Change or clean your air conditioner filter. A dirty filter causes the unit to run longer and inefficiently.
- Close window shades, blinds, or drapes to keep out the sun and retain cooler air inside.
- Move lamps, TVs, and other heat producing items away from your air conditioner's thermostat. Turn off electric appliances and equipment when not in use.
- Check that all windows and doors are tightly closed to keep the cool air in and the hot air out. Weather stripping also can help seal air leaks around doors and windows.
- Cook and use other heat-generating appliances such as washers, dryers and dish washers in the early morning or cooler evening hours.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Use dishwashers only when fully loaded. Use the air-dry option if your unit has one.
- Consider preparing light summer meals that do not require a lot of cooking. If possible, use an outdoor grill or microwave for cooking.

Summer will surely bring hot, humid weather, but with a little effort, you can be comfortable and help stretch your energy dollars too. For more energy saving tips and to help better understand how extreme temperatures can affect your energy bill, visit [www.atlanticcityelectric.com](http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com) and click on "My Account," our online energy audit tool.

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