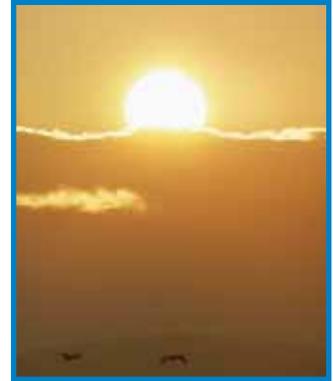




OUC's Top 10 Energy Savers for Summer

At OUC—The *Reliable One*, we recommend the following tips to keep your utility bills in check this summer:

1. Set your thermostat between 78-80 degrees and make sure the fan switch is set to "Auto." Each degree you raise the thermostat above 78 will save 6 to 8 percent on your cooling bill.
2. Don't set your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.
3. Replace air conditioning filters monthly. If you suspect your unit is not working properly, have it checked promptly.
4. Replace your old air conditioner with a high efficiency unit, which can use up to 40 percent less electricity than older models.
5. Use awnings, curtains, shutters or blinds to keep out direct sunlight and keep your house cooler during the day.
6. Plant trees or shrubs to shade air-conditioning units but do not block the airflow. A unit operating in the shade uses as much as 10 percent less electricity than the same one operating in the sun.
7. Caulk and weatherstrip leaky windows and doors.
8. If you haven't done so already, replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs). They give you the same light



output for one-third to one-half the cost.

9. Upgrade to high efficiency attic insulation, and OUC's Financed Insulation Program will give you a rebate and split up your costs over your monthly utility bills. Go to www.ouc.com/rebates to learn more.
10. Wash clothes in cold water using cold-water detergents whenever possible. Wash and dry full loads and set your water heater to 125 degrees.

Visit www.ouc.com for more money saving tips.

Rising Country Star Kenyon Lockry to sing at 4th of July Lakefront Celebration

The 4th of July Lakefront Celebration, a tradition in St. Cloud, will feature a performance from popular rising country singer Kenyon Lockry and his band from 6–9 p.m. Lockry, who is under contract with the legendary Mel Tillis, will treat St. Cloud to a patriotic country concert that will conclude with a reading of the Declaration of Independence and fireworks. The fireworks, sponsored by the City of St. Cloud, have gained a reputation as one of the top shows in Central Florida.

Other features of the 4th event include a production of the St. Cloud Greater Osceola Chamber of Commerce and the "All American Baby Contest," beginning at 1 p.m. in the Marina Building. For information on how to enter, contact Marcy Smiley 407.908.4042. Don't miss St. Cloud's original "Wife Carrying Race." Bring your own "wife" or "husband" to compete for the 2009 trophy and wife's weight in beer. To enter to run the St. Cloud Pavement Pounders-designed obstacle beach course, or for more information, contact the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce at **407.892.3671**.

Skip the Stamps, Checks & Lines with OUC's *Rely-A-Pay*



Rely-A-Pay is an automatic bill payment system that allows OUC to deduct your monthly utilities statement amount from your checking or savings account. It is an easy, worry-free, cost-free way to pay your OUC bill.

All OUC customers with an active checking account or savings account drawn on a U.S. financial institution are eligible for *Rely-A-Pay*. There is no charge for this service from OUC. However, some financial institutions may charge a small fee for this service. Please contact the financial institution where you have your checking or savings account.

Visit www.ouc.com to sign up with OUC's *Rely-A-Pay* program. You will need a voided check from your checking account. Download, complete and fax the *Rely-A-Pay* Automatic Withdrawal Authorization Form to **407.957.2486** or mail it to: OUC—The *Reliable One*, Customer Service, 1300 9th St. (Building A), St. Cloud, FL 34769.

Ready for Storm Season

June 1 marks the start of another hurricane season, and we want to make sure your family is prepared before bad weather hits Central Florida. Here are five steps to get you started:

1. Update your phone number with OUC to ensure that you can use our automated phone system to hear estimated service restoration schedules. To verify that OUC has your correct information, call **407.957.7373** or visit www.ouc.com.
2. Make a family plan, identifying meeting places, key phone numbers and responsibilities.
3. Prepare your home for hurricane season by trimming back dead or weak branches from the trees in your yard. If you notice tree branches interfering with power lines, call OUC at **407.957.7373**. **Never** attempt to trim a tree near electrical wires yourself.
4. Make www.ouc.com your one-stop location for the latest news and information this hurricane season, including safety guidelines, hurricane guides, preparation tips and power restoration information.
5. Sign up for OUC's e-newsletter alerts at www.ouc.com to receive important safety, outage and restoration information.

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