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## COOL SAVINGS FOR YOUR ENERGY AND WATER BILL AS FLORIDA'S SUMMER HEATS UP



As temperatures soar, OUC offers tips and services to help you keep your cool AND your cash. For a complete list, visit [OUC.com/hotweather](http://OUC.com/hotweather).

### Energy-Saving Tips

- ✔ Keep your thermostat set to 78 degrees or higher and set the A/C fan to AUTO.
- ✔ Use a smart thermostat to control the temperature even while you're away.
- ✔ Keep blinds closed when you're away.
- ✔ Replace your air filter regularly.
- ✔ Install weather stripping to seal leaky windows and doors.
- ✔ Use ceiling fans when rooms are occupied.



### Keep an Eye on Costs with OUC's Usage Dashboard

OUC's online Usage Dashboard allows you to monitor your electric and water consumption so you can adjust your habits for ultimate savings. You can see hourly usage information and even set up email alerts to let you know when you hit a specific threshold.

To view your Usage Dashboard, log in to [my.OUC.com](http://my.OUC.com) and click the blue *View Usage* button under *Account Summary*.

### Avoid Surprises with Budget Billing

OUC's Budget Billing program helps you avoid unpredictable bills by evening out payments over the course of a year.

This free service lets you plan monthly payments and keep your budget balanced.

Learn more about Budget Billing or sign up at [OUC.com/budgetbilling](http://OUC.com/budgetbilling).

### Monitor Outdoor Irrigation Settings

The St. Johns River Water Management District sets strict outdoor irrigation guidelines to encourage water conservation and help protect this precious natural resource.

**Through November, water your lawn or garden only on these days:**

- ▶ **Odd-Numbered or No Address:**  
Wednesday/Saturday
- ▶ **Even-Numbered Address:**  
Thursday/Sunday
- ▶ **Non-Residential Address:**  
Tuesday/Friday

*Water only when necessary before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.*





## MEDICAL ALERT PROGRAM



Especially during Hurricane Season, it's crucial for customers whose electric service is medically essential to register for OUC's Medical Alert Program.

Those requiring life-sustaining equipment (heart monitors, controlled medications, oxygen concentrators, etc.) can rely on OUC to provide special consideration regarding their account.

To learn more or to see if you or a loved one qualify, visit [OUC.com/medicalalert](http://OUC.com/medicalalert) or call 407-423-9018.



## NEED A NEW A/C? OUC CAN HELP!



As part of our commitment to sustainability, OUC offers a rebate to homeowners who upgrade their A/C to a more efficient model.

Customers who switch to a 15 SEER or higher heat pump HVAC are eligible to receive a rebate up to \$1,630.

Visit [OUC.com/rebates](http://OUC.com/rebates) to apply or learn more about OUC's residential rebates.

# CHILDREN'S SAFETY VILLAGE

The Children's Safety Village of Central Florida (CSV) has been a leader in educating children about safety in the Central Florida community for nearly 25 years. This 501c3 not-for-profit organization has taught thousands of children about fire, pedestrian, and water safety skills all with the mission of preventing child injuries and fatalities through lifesaving education, advocacy and leadership.

Located on eight acres, CSV is a miniature city, complete with buildings, paved streets and sidewalks, a fire safety house with a working smoke machine, a functioning traffic light and railroad crossing and water safety complex for swimming lessons. Children learn through a realistic approach in recognizing safety hazards found in their everyday lives.

### *Supporting CSV and its mission is easy!*

Donations can be made online at [www.childrensafetyvillage.org](http://www.childrensafetyvillage.org) or by calling 407-521-4673.



"Our mission is to prevent injuries and fatalities of children through lifesaving education, advocacy and leadership"

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