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## KEEP COOLING COSTS LOW AS WEATHER HEATS UP

As temperatures soar, simple habits can help keep your utility bill from doing the same. Follow these tips:

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

Find more tips at [OUC.com/hotweather](http://OUC.com/hotweather).



## TAKE CONTROL WITH OUC'S USAGE DASHBOARD

Monitor your electric consumption by the hour with OUC's Usage Dashboard. You can even set email alerts to let you know when you've hit a specific threshold.

Log in to [my.OUC.com](http://my.OUC.com) and click *View Usage* to get started.

## OUC AND CITY OF ORLANDO TO HELP RESTORE LAKE LORNA DOONE PARK

At OUC, we work hard to give back to the community we serve, and we're excited to partner with the City of Orlando to revitalize Lake Lorna Doone Park in Parramore. Once complete, visitors will enjoy a 4,800-square-foot OUC Solar Pavilion, H2OUC Hydration Stations, and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Other additions include a splash pad, basketball courts, an ADA-accessible playground, a community garden and an ecology walk. Learn more about our community connection at [OUCblog.com](http://OUCblog.com).



From left: Linda Landman Gonzalez, President, Orlando Magic Youth Foundation; City of Orlando District 3 Commissioner Robert Stuart; Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer; City of Orlando District 5 Commissioner Regina Hill; and Cesar Calvet, OUC Board President, at a ceremonial groundbreaking.

# STORM SEASON SAFETY: GENERATORS



When a storm knocks out power, a generator can be incredibly useful. But, be sure to follow these tips to stay safe:

- Never plug the generator directly into your home. Doing so could re-energize power lines, endangering neighbors and utility crews.
- Install a transfer switch before a storm hits.
- Place the generator outside your home and away from open windows and doors to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.
- Before refueling, turn off a gas-powered generator and let it cool.
- Keep a fully charged fire extinguisher nearby.
- Never use a generator in rainy or wet conditions.
- Keep children and pets away from generators.

Find more storm season safety tips at [OUC.com/stormcenter](http://OUC.com/stormcenter).



**CURRENT A/C  
NOT CUTTING IT?  
WE CAN HELP!**  
Rebate Up to \$1,630

OUC is committed to helping you keep your cool AND your cash. That's why we offer a rebate to homeowners who upgrade their A/C to a more efficient model.

Switch to a 15 SEER or higher heat pump HVAC and receive a **rebate up to \$1,630**.

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

## CHILDREN'S SAFETY VILLAGE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



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

The Children's Safety Village of Central Florida proudly celebrates 25 years of safety education for Central Florida children. Since 1994, the Safety Village has educated thousands of Central Florida children at its 8-acre complex, which provides safety classes focusing on water, pedestrians, bicycles and helmets, 9-1-1, dangerous persons, poisons, the internet, fires and guns. Safety Village is the only one of its kind in Florida with a working stop light, sidewalks, paved streets, working railroad crossing, fire safety house and water safety building.



The Village also offers swim lessons, car seat installations and giveaways, and family events.

For more information, call **407-521-4673** or visit [childrensafetyvillage.org](http://childrensafetyvillage.org).

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