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# **10 EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY, STAY COOL AND KEEP YOUR BILL LOW THIS SUMMER**

It's August and temperatures are rising. Below are simple things you can do to help lower your home's energy use, stay cool and keep your bill in check.

- 1 TURN THINGS OFF When you leave a room, turn off or unplug appliances. This includes ceiling fans, TVs, computers, video games, cable boxes, and cell phone chargers.
- 2 ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE Set your A/C to 78 degrees or higher. Every degree the thermostat is lowered below 78 degrees adds about 6% to 8% more on cooling costs.
- 3 CHECK YOUR WATER HEATER If the temperature is set higher than needed (no more than 125 degrees), it's working harder than necessary – and costing you money.
- MAINTAIN YOUR A/C Replace air filters monthly.
- 5 SWAP LIGHTBULBS Swap bulbs with compact fluorescent or LED bulbs featuring the Energy Star label.

- 6 GET SMART Smart thermostats can help save up to 10% on cooling costs.
- CLOSE UP CRACKS Caulk and place weather strips around leaky windows and doors. Don't have weather stripping? Place a towel around the bottom of your doors or windows to keep warm air out and cool air inside.
- 8 WASH ONLY FULL LOADS This is applicable to dishwashers and clothes washers. Also, select cold water for washing and cut your per-load energy usage by at least half.
- 9 CLEAN YOUR DRYER VENT Regular maintenance helps prevent fires and improves efficiency.
- LIMIT SUN EXPOSURE IN YOUR HOME Close shades, drapes and blinds to repel sunlight and heat, especially on windows facing east or west.

For more energy- and money-saving tips, visit OUC.com/waystosave.

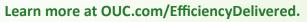
## SLASH UPGRADE COSTS WITH EFFICIENCY DELIVERED

Looking for ways to save on your utility bill? Efficiency Delivered<sup>®</sup> provides up to \$2,500 of energy efficiency upgrades in your home. Eligible improvements include:

- A/C tune-up
- Air filter replacement
- Attic insulation
- Attic pull down stair ladder cover
- Blower door testing
- Caulking and weather stripping



- Choice of thermostat replacement
- Duct leak repairs
- Evaporator coil cleaning
- Hot water pipe & A/C refrigerant line insulation
- Window film installation





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#### **OUC100 THROWBACK**

OUC is commemorating reliably serving our community for 100 years. Join us as we reflect on key moments in our history.

UP TO

What do OUC & State Road 50 have in common? OUC traces its roots to a group of companies that provided electricity to illuminate downtown streetlights and delivered water and ice to the community. In 1923, the Florida Legislature established the Orlando Utilities Commission after Judge John M. Cheney, owner of Orlando Water and Light Company, Orlando's first power and water plants, proposed that a municipal

utility own and operate the facilities and that bonds be

issued to allow the citizens of Orlando to purchase the utility and turn them over to the newly formed OUC to provide electricity and water service.

Cheney also was a strong promoter of better roads. Cheney Highway – the precursor to State Road 50 and Orlando's first paved road to the Atlantic – was named in his honor.

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

OUC makes it easy to create an energy efficient home. Looking to upgrade your A/C to a more efficient model to save on cooling costs? Customers who switch to a

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

Discover the savings at OUC.com/rebates.

#### 2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

To request a printed copy of the 2022 Water Quality Report, call 407-423-9018 or visit OUC.com/wqr2022.

Para obtener información sobre el Reporte de Calidad del Aqua 2022 en español, llámanos al 407-423-9018 o espanol.OUC.com/wqr2022.





## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS COMING **OCTOBER 3, 2023!**

Join the Orlando Police Department as we work to build stronger and safer communities by giving crime a going away party. Orlando Police Chief Eric Smith invites you to host a National Night Out (NNO) Block Party for you and your neighbors.

or call 407.246.2369.

#### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU:

- Free Street Closure
- · Free NNO banner, t-shirts and other party gear
- · Visits from your City Commissioner, police officers and firefighters





#### **#PORCHLIGHTSON**

win \$500 and a visit from the NNO mascot.

For more information, visit orlando.gov/nno

Be sure to enter the NNO Theme Contest for a chance to

Turn on your porch lights from dusk to dawn on Oct. 3 Reduce criminal activity Increase safety

· Enhance appearance of your neighborhood

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