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HOT WEATHER, COOL SAVINGS: 5 WAYS TO CUT YOUR SUMMER ELECTRIC BILL

Florida summers bring the heat and higher electric bills. But staying cool doesn't have to cost a fortune. With a few easy changes, you can keep your cool and trim your energy costs. Here are 5 smart tips to help:

1 SET A SMARTER THERMOSTAT –

Keep your AC at 78°F for optimal efficiency. Use ceiling or portable fans to stay comfortable without overworking your system.



2 RAISE THE TEMP WHEN AWAY –

Before heading out, bump your thermostat up to 82–83°F. Smart thermostats make this easy to automate.

3 DON'T TURN OFF THE AC COMPLETELY –

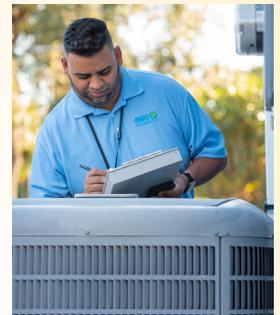
Even when you're on vacation, your AC helps control humidity and mold. Keep it running, just at a higher temperature.

4 LOWER YOUR WATER HEATER TEMP –

In warm weather, dial your water heater down and enjoy hot showers while using less electricity.

5 GET A FREE EFFICIENCY AUDIT –

Think your AC is working too hard? OUC offers **FREE home energy audits** to help spot problems like poor insulation.



Stay cool, save money and enjoy your summer with these ways to save! Learn more: [OUC.com/hotweather](https://www.oucreliableone.com/hotweather)



Save Money On Air Conditioning Bills

Upgrade now, avoid higher A/C bills later

If you have an old central air-conditioning unit, chances are it's costing you money to maintain while running up your energy bill due to inefficient cooling and heating. With a new 16 SEER/15.2 SEER2 or greater heat pump A/C you'll save money and energy, plus receive an OUC rebate ranging from \$45 – \$1,150. Go to [OUC.com/rebates](https://www.oucreliableone.com/rebates) to learn more.

OUC Named Florida's MOST RELIABLE Electric Utility

OUC—The *Reliable One* has been named the most reliable electric utility in Florida for 2024, according to data released by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). Among Florida's investor-owned utilities, which serve more than 75% of the state's population, OUC led the way in both minimizing service disruptions and restoring power quickly.

"This recognition is a tribute to our 1,300 talented employees who work relentlessly to ensure we're *'the reliable one'*," said **Linda Ferrone**, OUC Chief Customer and Marketing Officer.

PSC data, which excludes hurricane-related events, showed that OUC customers experienced the



fewest outages and the fastest service restorations – 25% faster than other utilities and 14% more reliable overall.

Spanning over 3,000 miles of power lines and thousands of utility poles, OUC's electric infrastructure is a testament to its commitment to delivering reliable service to its customers across Central Florida.



Air Leaks Can Cost You Money

Sealing air leaks can help your home feel more comfortable and improve energy efficiency, saving you money on energy bills. Simple fixes include installing weather stripping on doors and caulking around windows. Window film coverings also help improve efficiency and qualify for an OUC rebate. If you're looking to replace your windows, consider Energy Star® windows and get an OUC rebate.

Visit [OUC.com/rebates](https://www.ouc.com/rebates) for more info.

Coming Soon! OUC's Floating Solar Array

OUC is launching a 2 MW floating solar array — the largest of its kind in the southeastern U.S. With nearly 3,500 solar panels, the project will generate enough clean energy to power about 295 homes and support our commitment to achieving Net Zero CO₂ Emissions by 2050.



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