



Special Bulletin
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Special Alert – Be Prepared for Summer Heat

The summer of 2020 is proving to be a very hot summer so far, and over the next week, the weather forecast indicates extremely high temperatures with humidity across the Midwest. To help reduce your electricity costs during this period, we recommend the following tips and suggestions to lower energy consumption while staying cool:

- **Keep shades drawn and blinds closed to reduce the amount of energy needed to cool down your home, especially southern and western facing windows.**
- **Keep lights off or turned down.**
- **Use only appliances you need.**
- **Minimize the use of your oven and stove.**
- **Avoid running high-energy demand appliances during peak hours (9am-9pm).**
- **Wear loose, light, cotton clothing to stay cool and comfortable.**

- **Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water.**

Heatwaves can increase your electricity usage, and costs, but following these few tips can help you save money, stay comfortable and reduce strain on utility grid from increased energy demand.



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