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## GROW YOUR SUMMER ENERGY SAVINGS

One favorite thing about summer is the opportunity for fresh, homegrown food, whether it's shopping at the local farmers market or sharing the abundance of garden tomatoes with a neighbor. It's amazing how just a few seeds, some fertilizer and water can turn into a bounty.

When we think about energy efficiency we think about bounty of food, and how with just a few simple actions, you can use less electricity and reap the rewards of energy savings.

You don't need to be a farmer or botanist to know that plants need water—just like you don't have to be a lineworker or engineer to know that adjusting the thermostat or turning off lights can reduce your monthly electric bill. In fact, if you read URECC's publications regularly and follow us Facebook, you know there are a lot of things you can do at home to save electricity and money.

Summer months bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. But why? Cooling your home accounts for a large portion of your monthly energy use, and the hotter it gets, the harder (and longer) your air conditioner works to keep you cool.

There are several ways you can manage energy use at home, and we're providing a few tips that can help grow your summer energy savings.

But we would also like to share a few ways we're here to help you save—not only during the dog days of summer but throughout the year.

One of the great things about being part of Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative is that we're locally owned by you, our members. So instead of making profits, we can focus on helping our community. That's why we've developed incentives and programs to help you keep your money in your wallet.

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- Take Control of Your Use - Use SmartHub to track your energy use. You can even get alerts when your use spikes so you can make changes in real time.
- Ways to Pay - If you're having a difficult time paying the higher bills that come with increased used in the summer, contact us to learn about our Budget Billing or Power2Go Prepaid Metering System.



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## 5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

**When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.**

### 1. Raise your thermostat.

The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.

### 2. Install window coverings

like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

**3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping** around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.

**4. Run ceiling fans** for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.

**5. Lower your water heater thermostat** to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.

