



Stay Cool & Save Money **THIS SUMMER**

Hot summer days cause consumers to crank the AC and raise their energy bills. The ICC's energy efficiency tips can help consumers keep cool, reduce energy usage, and spend less on utility bills.

ICC SMART TIPS TO BEAT THE HEAT AND SAVE:

- 1. Contact your utility** about programs they offer to reduce energy usage during peak hours or alternative rate options that might work for you.
- 2. Install a programmable thermostat** to control the temperature overnight and when you're away from home.
- 3. Schedule regular AC maintenance** visits and replace filters regularly.
- 4. Close curtains** and other window treatments to block heat from the sun during the day.
- 5. Use ceiling or box fans** to keep cool. Remember to turn fans off when leaving the room.
- 6. Invest in LED lighting** which emits very little heat and uses 75+% less energy.
- 7. Use small appliances** to prepare meals or cook outdoors, **rather** than heating up a large oven.
- 8. Wash clothes with cold water** early in the day and line dry. Hanging clothes on a clothesline once a week can save around \$79 a year.
- 9. Set your water heater** to no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 10. Caulk or weatherstrip** around doors and windows to seal any leaks.