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Summer energy-saving tips to help Power New Mexico, Together

(Albuquerque, NM) – PNM is sharing five summer-friendly tips to help customers use energy more efficiently at home and save money on their electric bill. When customers reduce unnecessary energy use, it helps ease demand on the electric system while supporting reliability and long-term affordability for communities statewide.

Air conditioner maintenance is a must

Servicing your air conditioner by performing general maintenance such as replacing, or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent.

Seal cracks, gaps, and air leaks

Reduce cooling costs by sealing cracks and gaps around doors, windows and attic entryways. Use weather stripping and caulking to minimize air leaks. Don't forget to seal utility cut-throughs for pipes, gaps around chimneys, recessed lights in insulated ceilings, unfinished spaces behind kitchen cupboards, bathroom cabinets and closets.

Install energy efficient Window Treatments Energy efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades and films can help reduce the heat when temperatures rise. These window treatments can improve the look of your home and reduce your energy costs.

Use ceiling fans to offset cooling costs

Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort. In the summer, they should be turning counterclockwise so air pushes downward, making the home feel cooler. Make sure to turn off the ceiling fans when your house is empty.

Use natural lighting

If it's not in use, turn off the juice and use natural light as much as possible in the spring and summer months. We are fortunate to live in a part of the country that offers nearly 280 days of beautiful sunshine.

PNM is supporting customers in taking simple steps that save energy and contribute to a more sustainable future. Find more tips at [PNM.com/tips](https://www.pnm.com/tips).

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