
COMED'S HOURLY PRICING PROGRAM

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SUMMER HOURS = SHIFT AND SAVE

When the weather turns warm and air conditioners start to run, hourly pricing patterns begin to change.

Hourly electricity prices tend to be highest during hot summer afternoons. To manage summer electricity costs, **reduce your usage between 1 and 5 p.m.** on weekdays and shift some of your usage to nights and weekends.

Summer Tips to help you save

HIGH PRICE ALERTS SETTINGS

High price alerts are an important tool for managing your electricity usage in the summer. These alerts will let you know when it is a good time to pay special attention to your electricity use. Sign up or update your high price alert contact information by logging into your My Hourly Pricing Account at ComEd.com/HourlyPricing.

BIGGEST WAY TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

According to the Department of Energy, heating and cooling costs account for 48 percent of an average home's energy use. Adjusting your air conditioning use is one of the most effective ways to manage your summer electricity costs. Have you heard that it's inefficient to adjust your home's temperature throughout the day? That's a common myth. In fact, it's more efficient to manage cooling costs by pre-cooling your home during hours when the price of electricity is low. For more information, go to the DOE website at Energy.gov/energysaver/thermostats. Follow these tips to stay cool for less this summer:

Air Conditioners

Set window air conditioners to the low or "energy saver" setting, or turn them off when electricity prices are high.

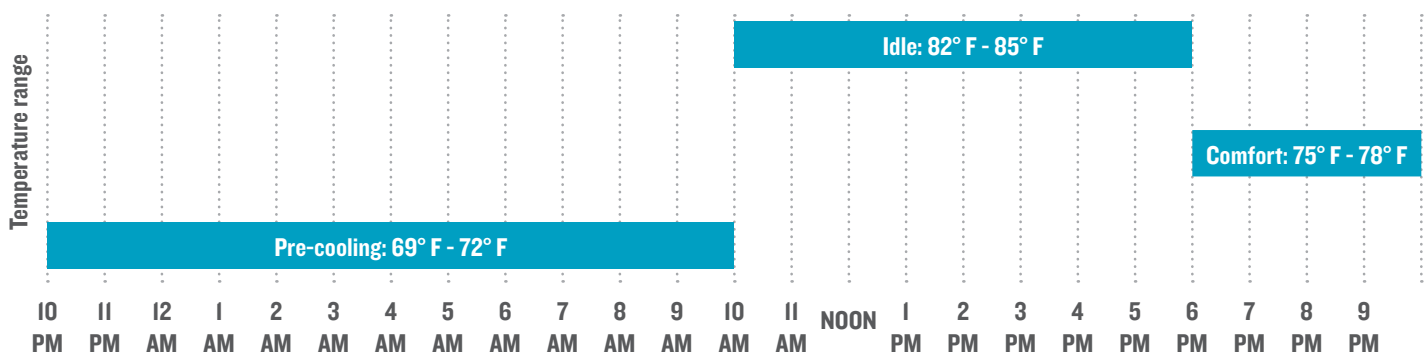
Thermostats

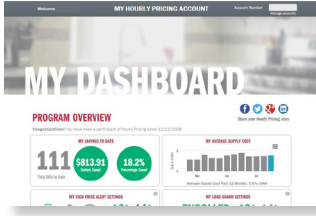
Change your thermostat to a warmer setting when electricity prices are high and when you are away from home.

Pre-cooling

Follow the recommended schedule below to pre-cool your home at night when prices tend to be the lowest.

THERMOSTAT SETTINGS FOR PRE-COOLING





MY HOURLY PRICING ACCOUNT ONLINE TOOL

To see your personalized usage trends and savings details log into your My Hourly Pricing Account at ComEd.com/HourlyPricing by clicking the red My Hourly Pricing Account button.

COMED'S CENTRAL AC CYCLING PROGRAM AND LOAD GUARD

If you have central air conditioning and own your home, you can save money and help the environment by enrolling in ComEd's Central AC Cycling and Load Guard programs. Both programs will automatically cycle your air conditioner off and on to conserve energy during times of high demand for electricity and when hourly market prices are high. In addition, with ComEd's Central AC Cycling, you can earn credits of up to \$10 per month on your electricity bill from June through September.

To learn more about these programs, including how to enroll and eligibility, go to the Central AC Cycling and Load Guard sections of the FAQ page at ComEd.com/HourlyPricing or visiting ComEd.com/ACcycling. Once you have enrolled in the ComEd Central AC Cycling program, you may enroll in Load Guard and adjust your settings by logging into your My Hourly Pricing Account. Customers enrolled in ComEd's Peak Time Savings program are ineligible to enroll in Central AC Cycling or its Load Guard option.

SUMMER TIPS

Beat the heat and your electricity bill. For best results, use one or more of the tips below and get your whole family involved.



Run me when prices are low and use the "energy-saver" or no-heat dry setting.

Use me, the thermostat, to set my temperature higher when you're out to make sure your AC is only cooling people, not empty rooms.



Using the oven on a hot summer day heats up your kitchen. Use the microwave, pressure cooker or me, the grill.

Wait to use us, your big appliances. Use your dishwasher and do your laundry during lower-priced hours, like nights and weekends.



Clean or change your AC filters once a month. The easier I breathe, the better the breeze.

Install LED lights, we produce light without generating as much heat like more traditional incandescent bulbs.



Sun's out? Close the curtains and blinds. Sun's in? Open the windows. Keep the hot out and let the cool in.

MAKE SMART USE OF YOUR SMART THERMOSTAT

The remote capabilities and ease of use of a smart thermostat make it easy to take advantage of Hourly Pricing's lower priced hours. ComEd offers rebates on select smart thermostats. Rebates of up to \$125 are available. Go to ComEd.com/rebates for more information.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN HOURLY PRICING IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU REALIZE.
BY USING ENERGY WISELY, YOU'VE SAVED ON ELECTRICITY COSTS AND HELPED YOUR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT.**

Hourly Pricing participants have saved more than
\$15 million
since the program began in 2007

And reduced over
22 million kWh
in energy use