

## **SUMMER ENERGY-SAVING TIPS**

- **Install a programmable thermostat, which automatically adjusts your central air conditioner's temperature settings, allowing you to save energy while you're away.**
- **Clean or replace central air conditioning filters as needed.**
- **Turn off your air conditioner when you leave for several hours. You will use less energy to cool your home later.**
- **When using a room air conditioner, turn on an interior fan to circulate the cooled air.**
- **Consider using an electric fan at night instead of an air conditioner. An electric fan is less expensive to run – and to purchase.**
- **Move any furniture, draperies or other obstructions that may block the flow of cool air from registers or room air conditioners.**
- **If you replace an appliance, consider getting an ENERGY STAR rated appliance.**
- **Clothes dryers, ovens and dishwashers produce a lot of heat. This can make your air conditioner work harder, so use them in the early morning or late evening, not in the afternoon.**
- **In the daytime, close window blinds and shades to block direct sunlight.**