

## Cooling Tips for Renters

- Inspect Air Filters Often. Check every month during the cooling season. Wash or replace as needed.
- Don't Overcool. It's expensive and uncomfortable. The temperature difference between indoors and outside should be 15 degrees or less.
- Keep Condenser Clean. It is located outdoors, so check for leaves and debris. Be sure airflow is not obstructed.
- Weather-strip Doors And Windows. Caulk cracks in outside walls and foundation.
- "Button Up" when indoor air is cooler than the outdoor temperature. On hot days, close doors and windows from morning to evening.
- Use Storm Doors and Windows during summer months in rooms that are air-conditioned. This reduces heat inflow and cool air loss.
- Plan Your "Warm" Activities. Do laundry, dishwashing and ironing in off peak hours, early morning or late in the evening. You'll be more comfortable.
- Reduce Indoor Activities that produce extra heat and moisture.
- Turn Off Lights and other appliances that generate heat (TV, stereo, etc.) except when actually in use.
- Use the Freezer and Refrigerator Efficiently. Open these appliances as little as possible and keep their condensing units dust-free.
- Close Off "Hot Spots" when the kitchen, laundry room and water heater are behind closed doors, other rooms stay cooler and drier.
- Use exhaust fans in the kitchen, laundry area and bath to push heat and humidity safely outside.
- Use ceiling fans. House fans can often be used in the evening instead of the air conditioner. The electricity consumption is much less than that of the air-conditioner.