# SAVE ENERGY

Participate in our energy efficiency programs to save money on your electric bill and be more energy efficient.

# > HOMECHECK<sup>®</sup> ONLINE

Our online tool provides an overview of your energy use and personalized energy-saving ideas right at your fingertips. Answer a few questions about your home and habits for a more personalized experience. Visit **MidAmericanEnergy.com** and log in to My Account to access the online home energy assessment.

### NONRESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS

This program promotes energy efficiency for existing commercial buildings and industrial facilities through two offerings: small business express and direct project assistance. These offerings are tailored to the unique needs of nonresidential customers by size and purpose.

## RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL EQUIPMENT REBATES

Rebates are available for high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment when you replace existing equipment in your home or business.

## > SUMMERSAVER AND CURTAILMENT PROGRAMS

Next year, participate in MidAmerican Energy's SummerSaver<sup>sm</sup> or Curtailment programs. These voluntary programs provide financial incentives to participants for reducing electrical usage during peak demand periods.



For more information on these programs, please visit **MidAmericanEnergy.com/ee**.

# Obsessively, Relentlessly At Your Service

# UNDERSTANDING PEAK ALERTS

# WHAT IS A PEAK ALERT?

MidAmerican Energy Company notifies customers in the summer when high temperatures could result in a high demand for electricity. This notification is called a Peak Alert. When necessary, Peak Alerts are issued on weekdays in June through September. Customers will be notified through mass media, social media and on **MidAmericanEnergy.com**.

Peak Alerts are sent when temperatures are expected to reach the mid to upper 90s and when we are within 98% of our highest generating capacity – known as peak demand. Peak Alerts may also be sent when we are directed by our regional transmission authority to reduce the electric load.

Although MidAmerican Energy has sufficient generating capacity to meet our customers' electric needs at peak demand, when a Peak Alert is issued we ask that customers reduce their electric usage to help us manage peak load conditions.

# WHAT SHOULD I DO IN THE EVENT OF A PEAK ALERT?

During Peak Alerts, use energy-saving tips to help manage your energy use. We ask customers to reduce their electric usage to help manage the electric load demand.



# ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR SUMMER Follow these energy efficiency tips to real

Follow these energy efficiency tips to reduce the demand for energy and save money on your energy bill.

# SET IT SMART

Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher in the summer to reduce your electrical usage by 3% to 5% for each degree above 78 degrees to save money on your energy bill.



Close shades and drapes during the heat of the day to help keep your house cool. Plant shade trees and shrubs on the south and west sides of your home to help provide natural shade for your home. Place air conditioning units in shaded areas to improve operating efficiency.

# **UPGRADE THERMOSTAT**

Set a programmable thermostat to increase the desired temperature by 5 degrees or more while you're away and 3 degrees or more while you're asleep. This will help to reduce your electric use and save money on your energy bill.



# **KEEP IT UP**

Check your air conditioner filters monthly and clean or replace them as needed. Wash outside air conditioner coils with mild soap and water to remove dust and dirt to improve operating efficiency.

# **CLEAR THE WAY**

Keep registers clean and clear of furniture and other obstructions to make sure air can circulate freely in your home. Keep your air conditioner unit clear of grass, weeds and shrubs to allow air to flow over its cooling coils.

# **KEEP IT COOL**



Fans use less energy than air conditioners and can boost the comfort from an air conditioner, increasing cooling efficiency throughout your home. A portable fan set several feet away from a window air conditioning unit can spread cool air into other rooms and down hallways. Reverse the direction of ceiling fans to run counter-clockwise to draw air upward to cool the room.



#### LET IT WAIT

Use heat-generating appliances, like ovens, dishwashers and clothes dryers early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Hang clothes to dry and use outdoor grills to avoid turning on appliances.

