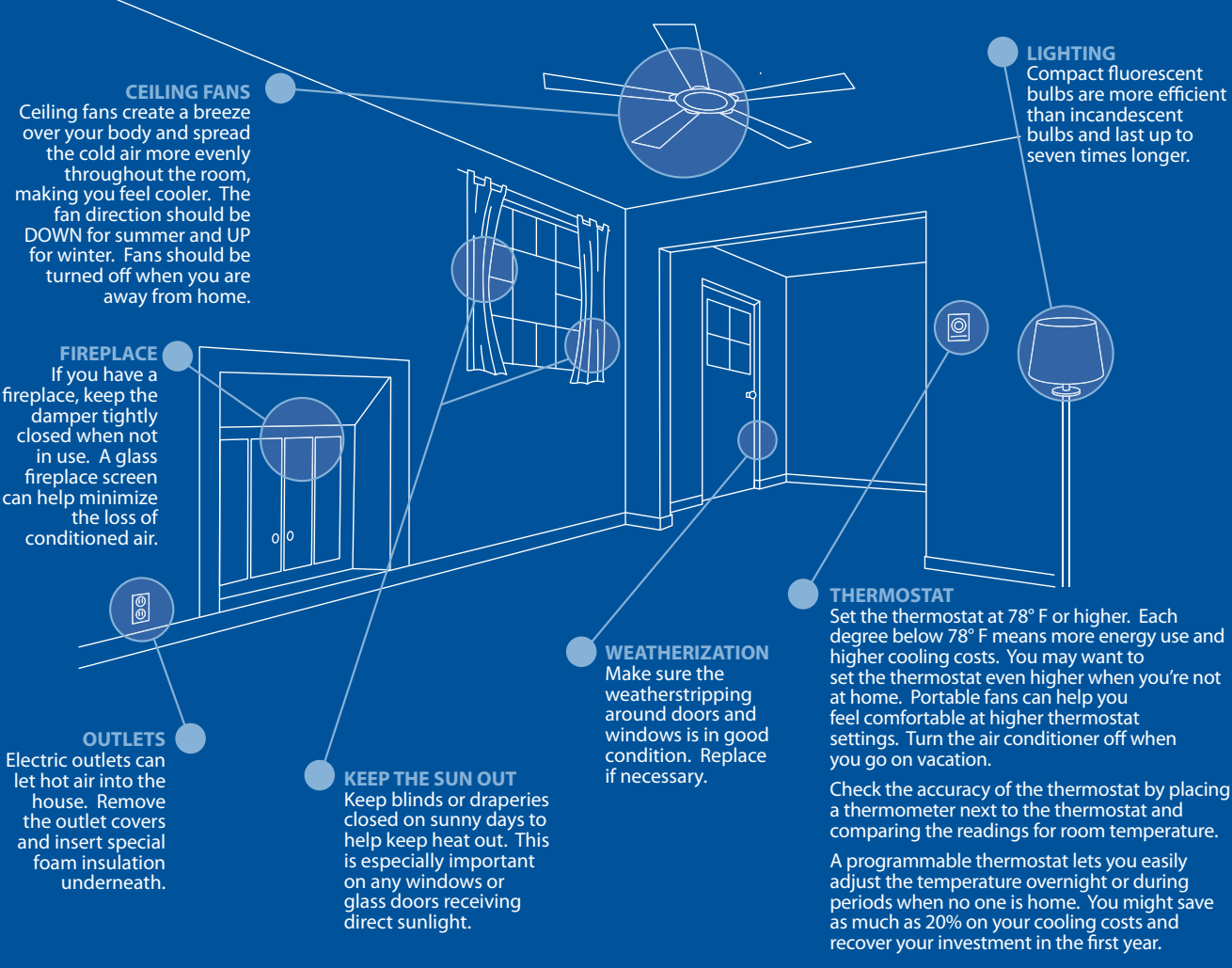


Indoor Tips



CEILING FANS

Ceiling fans create a breeze over your body and spread the cold air more evenly throughout the room, making you feel cooler. The fan direction should be DOWN for summer and UP for winter. Fans should be turned off when you are away from home.

FIREPLACE

If you have a fireplace, keep the damper tightly closed when not in use. A glass fireplace screen can help minimize the loss of conditioned air.

OUTLETS

Electric outlets can let hot air into the house. Remove the outlet covers and insert special foam insulation underneath.

KEEP THE SUN OUT

Keep blinds or draperies closed on sunny days to help keep heat out. This is especially important on any windows or glass doors receiving direct sunlight.

WEATHERIZATION

Make sure the weatherstripping around doors and windows is in good condition. Replace if necessary.

THERMOSTAT

Set the thermostat at 78° F or higher. Each degree below 78° F means more energy use and higher cooling costs. You may want to set the thermostat even higher when you're not at home. Portable fans can help you feel comfortable at higher thermostat settings. Turn the air conditioner off when you go on vacation.

Check the accuracy of the thermostat by placing a thermometer next to the thermostat and comparing the readings for room temperature.

A programmable thermostat lets you easily adjust the temperature overnight or during periods when no one is home. You might save as much as 20% on your cooling costs and recover your investment in the first year.

LIGHTING

Compact fluorescent bulbs are more efficient than incandescent bulbs and last up to seven times longer.

More Helpful Info

And Other Ways to Control Your Electricity Usage and Costs

Duct System

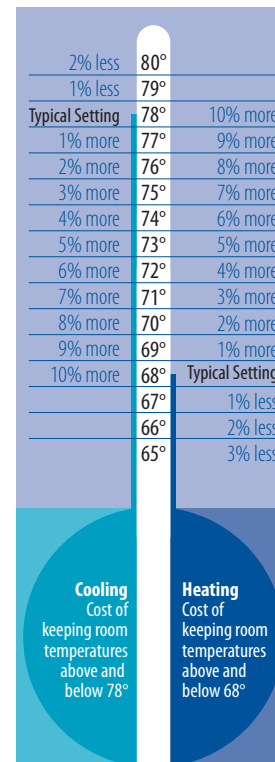
Heating and cooling travels through ducts that are often too restrictive, damaged, poorly maintained, improperly designed or improperly installed. A certified contractor can correct many of these problems and increase the airflow in your ducts. The biggest benefit to you is increased comfort that you'll enjoy every day by actually getting the heating and cooling you're paying for!

ENERGY STAR® Qualified Homes

If you're in the market for a new home, consider an ENERGY STAR qualified home. ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. Its purpose is to help us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. Compared with standard homes, ENERGY STAR qualified homes use substantially less energy for heating, cooling and water heating. Over the average 7 to 8 years you may live in your home, this can add up to thousands of dollars saved on utility bills.

Refrigerator Check-Up

Set your refrigerator temperature only as cold as necessary, generally 40° F or lower. On newer models, make sure the unit is operating in energy saver mode. Try to minimize the number of times the refrigerator and freezer doors are opened and allow items to cool before placing them in the fridge.



*Interactive Thermostat and information shown is for illustrative purposes only. Potential energy savings are based on an average temperature setback period of 8 hours and may vary depending on your personal lifestyle, system settings, equipment maintenance, local climate, actual construction, and installation and type of equipment and duct systems.

Outdoor Tips



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Money-Saving Tips for the Inside and Outside of Your Home



ATTIC

Leaks develop in air ducts over time. Sealing these leaks can reduce cooling costs.

Open the upper vents in your attic to let warm air out, and make sure any lower (soffit) vents are not blocked.

Make sure that your walls and attic are properly insulated. Adding insulation in your attic is one of the most cost-effective savings measures, and one that you can do yourself.

A single, thin coat of Radiant Barrier Spray applied to the underside of your roof will block most of the sun's radiant heat from entering your home. And in the winter, that same barrier will reflect back most of the heat that tries to escape from your home.

WEATHERSTRIPPING/CAULKING

Weatherstrip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.

KEEP DOORS CLOSED

Shut the door or at least try to minimize the number of times that doors to the outside are opened and closed. Each time you open the door warm air enters the house.

AIR CONDITIONER

Have your cooling system serviced annually by a licensed contractor; remember to replace internal air filters regularly and regularly clean the fins on the outside unit with a soft brush to remove accumulated dirt.

The age and condition of your cooling unit may cause it to become less efficient. If it is more than 12 years old consider replacing it with newer, more efficient equipment.

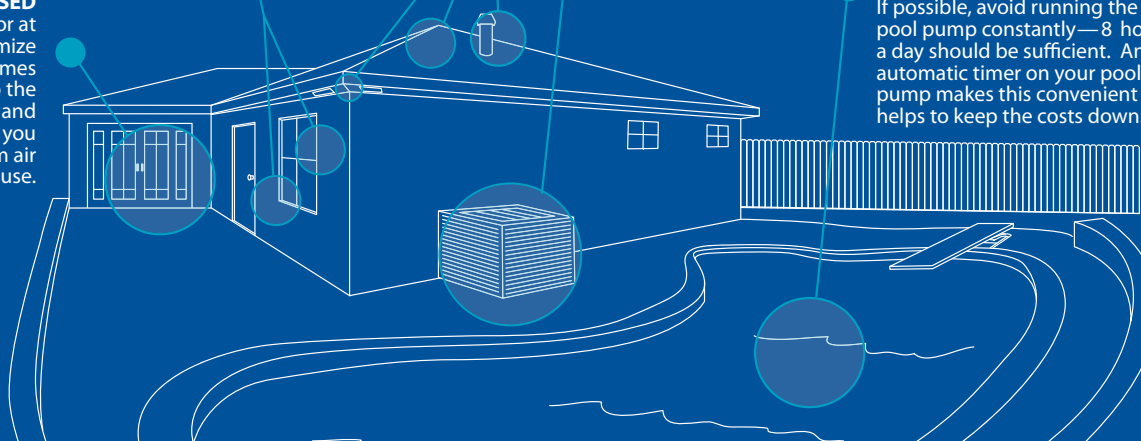
Air conditioning units with a higher SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) will save you money over the life of the unit. We recommend a SEER of 14.0 or higher.

If a room air conditioner has a fresh air intake, or exhaust vent, keep the vent closed when not in use.

Check www.txu.com/dealernetwork for a TXU Energy authorized dealer in your area.

POOLS

If possible, avoid running the pool pump constantly—8 hours a day should be sufficient. An automatic timer on your pool pump makes this convenient and helps to keep the costs down.



Looking for energy-efficient products for your home?

From light bulbs to energy monitors, we've got the energy-saving products to help you save big. Visit the TXU Energy Online Energy Store at txu.com/products.