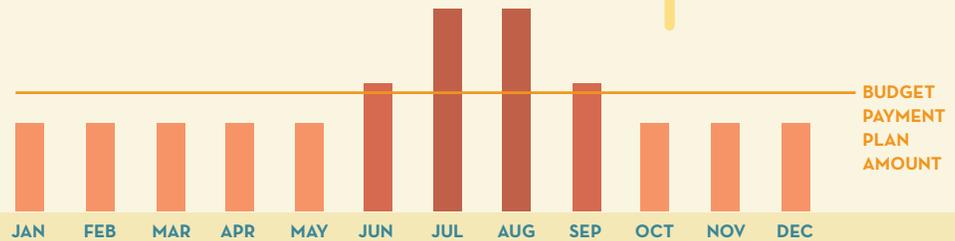# Did You Know?

ENERGY COSTS MORE IN THE SUMMER.

Because of increased air conditioning use, overall customer demand for electricity is at its highest in the summer months —and our cost to serve you is also the highest in the summer.

Due to higher costs across the electric system, your bill is likely to increase during this time of year.

MONTHLY ELECTRICITY COSTS

BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT

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SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO SAVE.

Here are some easy ways to save energy and lower your bill during the summer:

- Get a **professional air conditioner tune-up**. A well-working air conditioner can save 5-15% on cooling costs.

- Set your thermostat to at least 80 degrees when you are away. Installing a **smart programmable thermostat** is a helpful option.

- **Run your dishwasher** only when it is fully loaded, and turn off the dry cycle and air dry dishes instead. Even better, run your dishwasher at night when energy use is lowest, helping to ease the burden on the entire electric system.

- Use your **microwave** instead of your oven, whenever possible.

- Close **shades and blinds** during the day to block some of the sun's warmth.

- Use **ceiling fans**. The air movement in the room can make it feel 4 degrees cooler.

- Change to **LED bulbs**. They use less energy and give off far less heat.

- Consider switching to our **Time of Day option** and pay a lower rate when you shift your energy use to nights and weekends.

BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN

Avoid unpredictable utility bills and make balancing your budget a little easier. Pay the same amount each month, based on the average of your actual bill charges during the previous 12 months. Your utility bill will show how much energy you used, but some months you will pay less for what you actually used and some months you will pay more. Contact us for details.

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