

In June

TASK OF THE MONTH

Stay cool wisely

Adjust your thermostat to save energy and money:

Set your thermostat for comfort when home but **turn it up** when away;

To keep cool on a hot day:

- Run a fan in the room you're in;*
- Dress for the weather;
- Drink cool liquids;

*Ceiling fans help you feel cooler; *but turn them off when you leave the room!*

They just "stir" the air!



Take advantage of cooler nighttime temperatures:

- On cool nights, use a window fan to exhaust hot indoor air, pulling in cooler outside air;
- In the morning close windows, blinds and curtains to keep out the sun and hold in the cooler air;
- If you need to reduce humidity, run the AC early in the morning;



Installing a programmable thermostat

is an easy way to save energy and money; It allows you to set your home's temperature for different times of day, and different days of the week, or away for long periods;

When you replace an old HVAC system, get an efficient heat pump!

Heat pumps are essentially two-way air conditioners that efficiently heat and cool your home;

Take Advantage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) incentives:

- A tax credit covers 30 percent of the costs of purchase and installation for the most efficient heat pumps, up to \$2,000 per year; (Savings depend on what is owed in federal taxes; Program lasts through 2032;)
- This is in addition to the \$1,200 available in tax credits for other energy-saving renovations and appliances;

<https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/homeowner-incentives/>



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