



## **The Heat Is Back: Conserve, Stay Cool & Save Money**

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Energy-Saving Ideas on Web Site

NEW YORK, NY, Jul 18, 2008 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- As 90-degree temperatures settle over the region this weekend and early next week, Con Edison reminds customers to use energy wisely and save on their bills. To conserve energy, the company recommends that customers take the following steps:

- Turn off air conditioners, lights and other appliances when not at home and use a timer to turn on your air conditioner about a half-hour before arriving home;
- Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees. Each degree lower increases cooling costs by six percent;
- If you have a room air-conditioning unit, close off the rooms not being used; if you have central air, close or block the vents in unused or vacant rooms;
- To reduce heat and moisture in your apartment or home, run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it's generally cooler outside. Use a microwave to cook, or barbecue outside, if possible;
- Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed. About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Drawing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat in your apartment or home;
- Use fans instead of air conditioners, but be sure to leave your windows open for ventilation. Fans use as little as one-tenth the energy of air conditioners.

For more energy savings tips, or to learn about the company's free programmable thermostat program, visit the Con Edison Web site at [www.coned.com](http://www.coned.com) or contact the company at 1-800-75-CONED.

Company crews are ready to respond to any power problems that may occur. If customers lose power, they should call Con Edison's toll-free customer service number 1-800-75-CON ED (1-800-752-6633), or report it online at [www.coned.com](http://www.coned.com). They can also check on power outages in their area by viewing the company's online outage maps. Customers should have their Con Edison account number available, if possible, and report whether their neighbors also have lost power.

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