

## Summer Checklist:

- Use low voltage or solar outdoor lighting for landscaping.
- The same insulation in your attic that keeps you warm in winter also keeps you cool in summer. Make sure you add attic vents so hot air can escape.
- Use curtains or blinds to shade windows. You could consider installing awnings.
- Whenever possible during hot weather, use the microwave or slow cooker instead of the stove.
- Use a ceiling fan alone or in conjunction with an air conditioner to help circulate cooled air.
- Put a timer on room air conditioners if there's no one at home during the day.
- If you have central air conditioning, maintain the temperature between 24°C (74°F) and 26°C (78°F). Install a programmable thermostat with a built-in timer. You can set it to turn off the AC when you leave for the day and then turn it back on before you return.
- Put your pool filter on a timer or turn it off on cooler summer nights.
- Use a solar blanket to keep swimming pool water warm overnight.