

# Redding Connects

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## 10 Ways to Lower Your Electric Bill This Summer

Summer is fast approaching, and higher air conditioning use often drives electric bills higher. REU has energy-saving ideas to lower your summer electric usage and electric bill:

**Seal the deal:** You can save money all year round if your doors and windows are well-sealed with weather stripping and caulking. Keep the cold air in and the hot air out! It's simple and cost effective.

**Turn up your thermostat:** For every degree you increase your thermostat, you can save between 3-10% on your air conditioning costs. For REU customers, air conditioning is the largest single driver of summer electric bills.

**Grill, Grill, Grill:** When you use your indoor stove or range, you add heat to your home. Instead, consider cooking outdoors on a BBQ grill.

**Yearly check-up:** Have your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system or swamp cooler checked annually to ensure top performance. Changing your air conditioner's air filters every 30 days will extend the life of your equipment and save you money!



**Windows are great, but...:** Windows are the leading source of heat gain in a home. Installing solar screens, window treatments, or new Low-E windows significantly reduces heat gain and cuts your air-conditioning costs, lowering your electric bill.

**Become a fan — of fans:** Ceiling fans are a cost-effective way to move cooler air around your house. But only use them when a room is occupied. And be sure to switch the rotation of your fan blades for the summer. During the summer, the fan should be set at a medium or high speed to push hot air downward so you can feel the cooling effects on your skin.

**Get an Energy Adviser on your side:** Residential customers with high-bill concerns are encouraged to schedule a free walk-through energy audit. Trained professionals can quickly identify energy-savings opportunities. Did we mention this is a no-cost, no-obligation service?

**Are your appliances STARS?** If you're planning on buying a new computer, TV, or other appliance, be sure to ask for products with an ENERGY STAR endorsement for instant energy savings.

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## Redding Recreation's Summer Guide 2019 is Out!

Swim lessons, Summer Adventure Camps, Junior Lifeguards and much more for the whole family!

Time for Fun in the Summer Sun!

Register Online at  
[ReddingRecreation.org](http://ReddingRecreation.org)

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**Shed some light — on lighting:** Consider replacing incandescent and CFL bulbs with light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs. They can last for as long as 10 years and use up to 75% less electricity than an incandescent bulb! And they give off virtually no heat.

**Are your electronics REALLY off?** Plug home electronics like TVs, gaming systems, and computers into power strips, and when not using those appliances, turn them off at the power strip. Most electronics consume energy when turned off or in stand-by mode. So-called "vampire" energy loads can account for up to 10% of your home electric bill.

For more information about the REU Energy Advisor Program, email [customerservice@cityofredding.org](mailto:customerservice@cityofredding.org) or call (530) 339-7200.

## Fly Local. Fly Redding. Fly NOW.



Now fly from Redding to Los Angeles!

## Summer Blast returns on May 15th!

You are invited to READ, EXPLORE, & LEARN all summer long at the Shasta Public Libraries in Anderson, Burney, and Redding. Join us to read for prizes and attend free activities for kids, tweens, teens, and adults.

To get started, go to [www.summerblast.fun](http://www.summerblast.fun) beginning on May 15th and sign up to read for prizes. It's easy and you don't need a library card.

While you are there, take a look at everything that is going on, including...

- A trip to Shasta Caverns
- A Harry Potter Birthday Celebration
- The return of our Tween Cooking Day Camp
- And weekly programs for all ages!

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