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KUB shares tips to save money and keep cool during the summer heat

Setting thermostats, smart water use, and weatherization can help utility savings

Knoxville, TN – As hotter weather arrives in East Tennessee, KUB wants customers to know how to manage their utility usage and stay cool. The following tips can help save money and reduce excessive use of utilities in preparation for rising temperatures.

- Set thermostats as high as comfortably possible. KUB recommends a setting of 78 in the summer. Each degree of change can save approximately 3 percent on a heating or cooling bill.
- Service HVAC units and change filters per manufacturer recommendations.
- Don't cool an empty home. Adjust thermostats a few degrees when away from home. Smart and programmable thermostats can also schedule cooling while people are home.
- Use fans to assist in cooling.
- Close blinds and curtains during the day on east- and west-facing windows to help prevent the sun from warming the inside of your home.
- Use appliances such as washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers during non-peak hours, like after sunset, and use them with full loads. Avoid operating stoves during the warmest parts of the day.
- Set washing machines to use cold water cycles.
- Turn off unnecessary lights in your home, as well as decorative or accent lighting around your home.
- Water lawns in the morning or late evening, instead of the hottest part of the day. Water lawns no more than twice a week.
- Raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches. Closely cut grass makes the roots work harder and requires more water.

KUB works to promote sustainability in all facets of its operation, while supporting and providing programs for its customers to do the same. Over many years, KUB has been recognized for leadership in environmental stewardship, with investments in green energy, alternative fuels, and more efficient operations, and for participating in and giving back to the communities we serve.

Learn more about KUB's environmental stewardship efforts through the [2022 Environment, Social & Governance Report](#). [Weatherization information](#) and [money-saving](#) energy tips are available on the KUB website. KUB also offers energy and water saving [workshops](#) and the [Time of Use Electric Rate Program](#) – a lower rate for off-peak energy use. The TVA Home Uplift program also provides weatherization funds for low-income families. Call 888-986-7262 or email support@mytva.com for information on the Home Uplift program.

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