

Tips to Manage Your Summertime Energy Use

From Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE)

Being energy efficient and conserving resources is something we all can do at home to help save energy every day. Here are some actions you can take to track your energy use at home, save energy and help manage costs.

Track Your Energy Use

Knowing what your use patterns are for natural gas and electricity is a great first step in helping you target ways to save! MGE's online feature, *My Account*, lets you compare your electricity and natural gas use with others in the greater Madison area. Visit www.mge.com/myaccount to learn more.

Complete an Energy Audit Online

Complete your own energy audit from the comfort of your home using the Home Energy Saver™ tool from the U.S. Department of Energy. This online tool—available online at www.hes.lbl.gov—helps to identify and prioritize household energy-saving projects.

Unplug

Take a few moments to unplug your phone chargers, printers, computers and other electronics. Devices can still use energy when not in use and can account for 5% to 10% of your total energy use.

Run Appliances With Full Loads

Conserve resources by waiting until you have a full load to run your clothes washer, dryer and dishwasher. Also, running appliances during "off-peak" hours later in the evening—when electric demand is typically lower—helps us manage our community grid and, long-term, can help us manage costs to all customers.

Get Free Energy Advice From MGE

MGE can provide tips and answer your questions about saving energy at home. Email your questions to MGE's Energy Experts at AskExperts@mge.com.