



## Con Edison Offers Energy Saving Tips During Heat Wave

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NEW YORK, June 14 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Con Edison is reminding customers to take some simple steps to stay cool while managing their energy use wisely during the heat wave that is expected to continue through Wednesday.

The company recommends that customers take the following steps:

- \* Make sure air conditioner filters are clean so the machines will run at peak efficiency;
- \* Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees. Each degree lower increases cooling costs by six percent;
- \* Shut air conditioners, lights and other appliances off when not at home and use a timer on your air conditioner to turn it on about a half-hour before arriving home;
- \* Draw shades or blinds to prevent the sun from adding more heat to the room;
- \* Try using fans instead of air conditioners, but be sure to leave your windows open for ventilation. Fans use as little as one-tenth the energy as air conditioners.

Electric supplies are sufficient to meet the projected demand for electricity this week, and company crews are ready to respond to any power outage that may occur. If any customers do experience an outage, they should:

- \* Contact the company by calling the 24-hour, toll-free number at 1-800-75-CONED.
- \* Have their home telephone number and home address readily available.
- \* Know that the Con Edison workforce will work around the clock to quickly restore power.

For more energy savings tips and general information, customers can visit the Con Edison website at <http://www.coned.com> or contact the company at 1-800-75-CONED.

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