



Con Edison Prepares for the Heat

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Offers Energy-Savings Tips on Website

NEW YORK, NY, Jul 08, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- With temperatures expected to climb into the 90s early this week, Con Edison (NYSE: ED) will have extra crews available to respond to any service problems that may arise. Customers are urged to call 1-800-75-CONED or contact the company on its Web site at www.conEd.com promptly if they encounter any service difficulties. The company's home page also provides a link to a new list of 100 energy- and money-saving tips.

Did you know that running an electric fan to keep cool will be only one-tenth the cost of using an air conditioner and save a substantial amount of energy? Just be sure to leave a window open for ventilation. Also close shades, blinds and curtains to keep out the sun; about 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through the windows.

Here are some other steps the company is recommending to stay cool this summer:

- Accept Con Edison's offer of a free programmable thermostat if you have central air conditioning. Program the thermostat manually or from the Internet. Turning off your air conditioner when you're not there beats leaving it on all the time, and programming it instead to turn on before you return is a wise way to save on summer electric bills. To learn more about Con Edison's free programmable thermostat, call 1-866-521-8600 or visit www.conEd.com/cool.
- Make sure air conditioner filters are clean for peak efficiency;
- Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees. Each degree lower increases cooling costs by 6 percent;
- If you have a room air-conditioning unit, close off the rooms not being used; if you have central air, block the vents in un-used or vacant rooms;
- Also turn off lights and other appliances, use a timer to turn them on as necessary, and turn your computer off when not at home to conserve;
- To reduce heat and moisture, run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it's generally cooler. Use a microwave to cook, or barbecue outside if possible.

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