



Con Edison Offers Free Thermostats for Central Air Conditioning Customers

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NEW YORK, June 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) is offering free, programmable thermostats to residential customers and religious institutions with central air conditioning to help manage their electricity consumption during the summer.

The high-tech thermostats allow customers in New York City and Westchester County to program their air conditioning manually, or remotely via computer. When electricity use is highest in our region, Con Edison will be able to control the thermostats to help save electricity and ensure continuous, reliable power throughout the region.

The goal of the program is to allow Con Edison to reduce electricity use -- not turn off the participating customers' central air conditioning systems -- when energy demand is highest. Participants also can override Con Edison's remote programming.

Residential customers or religious institutions may obtain the programmable thermostat and free installation by calling toll-free, 1-866-521-8600 or online at <http://www.coned.com/cool>.

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