

Our Summer Time of Use Rate is Officially Here

Summertime is here, which means so is our summer Time of Use rate. Our primary goal is to ensure you benefit the most from the rate, which started June 1. To help you, we've prepared this welcome kit, bringing together all supporting information in one convenient place.

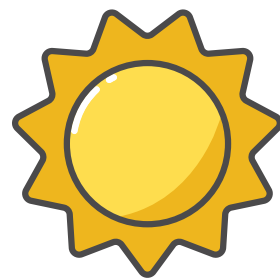
Our summer Time of Use rate changes the way we think about energy use and gives you more control over your bill. Remember, when you shift your energy use outside of the hours of 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. on weekdays through September, you'll benefit with lower energy costs.

You're not required to do anything further at this point since you are already on the new rate. However, we know you may still have questions, which is why we continue to add new information to ConsumersEnergy.com/summerrate. Here, you can quickly access your online account, review answers to frequently asked questions and find energy-saving tips.

Wishing you a fun and safe summer,

Greg Stevenson

Director, Summer Time of Use Rate



Welcome to Our Summer Time of Use Rate

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Here's what you need to know to shift your energy use and save this summer.



Quick Recap of the Summer Time of Use Rate

- From now through September, energy costs will be higher during the hours of 2 p.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday
- By shifting your use outside of these times, the summer Time of Use rate can help you take control of your energy costs and potentially lower your bill
- Most people will see less than a \$4 increase to their monthly bill if they don't shift when they use energy*
- The summer Time of Use rate helps reduce dependence on fossil fuels

**This estimate is based on an assessment of all customers' 2018 summer electric use. Your actual 2019 bill impact will depend on your 2019 summer use.*

When You Use Energy Is Just As Important As How Much You Use

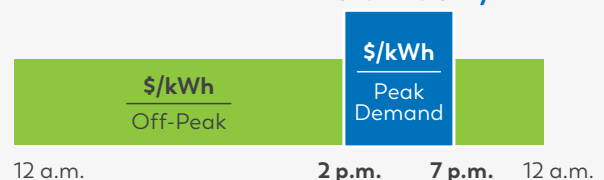
How the New Rate Will Appear on Your Bill

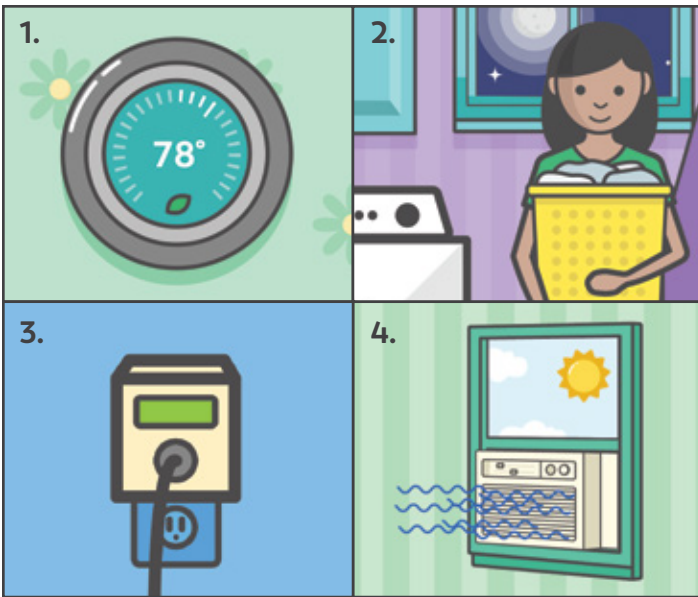
Summer (Billed MM/DD/YYYY – MM/DD/YYYY)

On-Peak Energy (2 p.m. – 7 p.m.)	XX.XX @ 0.143752	\$\$\$\$
Off-Peak Energy	XX.XX @ 0.096781	\$\$\$\$

Summer Time of Use Rate Peak Period

Mon.–Fri. Only





FAQs

What devices are the biggest energy users in my home during the summer?

The devices that use the most energy in a typical month during the summer are window or central AC cooling systems, electric water heaters, dishwashers, and clothes washers and dryers.

If I am on the new rate and move to a different house, will I still be on the new rate?

Yes. If you are still an electric customer with Consumers Energy, you will have the summer Time of Use rate at your new home.

Does this change how I am billed the rest of the year?

You will be charged a flat rate for all other months, October through May.

Why does energy cost more during peak periods?

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does the demand on the electric grid. With increased demand comes an increase in cost. That's why on weekdays from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m., June through September, energy rates will be higher. We encourage you to take advantage of lower-cost energy available at other times of day.

For additional tips and to learn more about our summer Time of Use rate, visit ConsumersEnergy.com/summerrate

Energy-Saving Tips

1. Adjust Your AC

Increase your thermostat by 5° F during peak hours.

2. Postpone Your Chores

Save the dishes and laundry for after 7 p.m. or the weekend.

3. Plug In to a Smart Strip

Plug in electronic devices to a smart power strip to prevent them from consuming energy even when they're off or in standby mode.

4. Refresh Your AC Filters

Clean or replace AC filters once a month to allow your air conditioner to run more efficiently.



**June Through
September**



**2 p.m. – 7 p.m.,
Monday Through Friday**



**Shift Energy Use
and Save**

In addition to our summer Time of Use rate, Consumers Energy is helping Michigan stay beautiful by:

- Saving over 1 billion gallons of water over the next five years
- Reducing carbon emissions by 90 percent
- Reducing landfill waste by 35 percent over the next five years
- Going coal free

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