

How to Keep Your House Cool in the Summer

AUDIO DESCRIPTION

Jeanette Pavini, a woman with long dark hair, is standing in the hallway of a house as she introduces herself with a tip for “just one thing”. She holds an electronic compass to show us how to find south and west facing windows. She pulls down a blind on a window as she talks about closing window covering to save energy. She talks to the camera about saving chores for cooler times of day and she uses a remote control pointed at a brown ceiling fan to show how she can make it run counter clockwise. She goes on her laptop computer to run a PG&E home energy check-up as the segment closes.

TRANSCRIPT

Hi, I'm consumer expert Jeanette Pavini with just one thing to do to save money. Install window coverings to south and west facing windows. Keep them closed especially when running the AC. When possible, delay chores which produce heat such as dish washing, laundering and cooking until cooler times of the day or night. Set ceiling fans to run counter-clockwise which will pull hot air up towards the ceiling. This will allow you to raise your thermostat by a few degrees and still feel cool. At night put a box fan in north and east facing windows to pull cool air into the house. Take the home energy checkup at pge.com/waystosave. Find out where you use energy and how you can save by making simple changes. Today do just one thing. Do your laundry during a cooler time of the day, reverse ceiling fans or take the PG & E home energy checkup online.