

## HOT WEATHER TIPS

With weather being as hot as it has been I wanted to pass along some tips for better utilization of you air conditioning and help lower utility bills.

1: Change the direction of your ceiling fans to Counter-Clockwise (When you stand underneath the fan and look up the direction will be counter-clockwise and you WILL FEEL air pushing down on you) and leave them on low to pull up the cold air and distribute through the unit. There is a button on each fan that allows you to change the direction (it's usually located on the base right below the fan blades) **\*\* This WILL REDUCE YOUR MONTHLY BILL IF DONE \*\***

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2: Pick a temperature and leave it there. You use more energy when the unit starts up each time than the unit running for an hour straight. Find a comfortable temperature and leave it there.

3: Use mini blinds and shades to keep the sunlight out during the hottest times of the day.

If your air is constantly running and never satisfying the temperature you have it set to something is typically wrong and you should notify me to investigate.

## COLD WEATHER TIPS

Please find below tips on how to reduce your Winter Heating Bills and IMPORTANT items NOT to do during the Winter.

1: Change the direction of your ceiling fans to Clockwise (When you stand underneath the fan and look up the direction will be clockwise and you will NOT feel air pushing down on you) and leave them on low to push down the hot air and distribute throughout the unit. There is a button on each fan that allows you to change the direction (it's usually located on the base right below the fan blades) **\*\* This WILL REDUCE YOUR MONTHLY BILL IF DONE \*\***

2: Adjust your thermostat down two degrees in the winter (68 – 72 degrees are recommended setting). **\*\* LEAVE YOUR THERMOSTAT SET AT THE SAME TEMPATURE – ENERGY COSTS ARE THE HIGHEST WHEN THE FURNACE KICKS ON AND OFF \*\***

3: Weatherize your home — caulk and weather strip doors and windows that may leak air. **\*\*Email me to get permission for winter proofing once that involves taping, etc\*\***

4: Keep doors, windows, etc closed when not in use. **\*\*If you feel a draft around Windows (please consider Winter Proofing \*\* Place a rolled up towel under doors if you feel air or see a crack to contain Heat\*\***

5: Add blankets to your bed and wear socks, extra shirt, clothes, etc when home to stay warm as opposed to turning the heat up

6: Open drapes, blinds and curtains during the day to allow the sunlight to enter and warm your home. Close them at night to prevent the chill you may feel from cold windows.

## Links

[http://www.lge-ku.com/rsc/lge/winter\\_tips.asp](http://www.lge-ku.com/rsc/lge/winter_tips.asp)

[http://www.pnm.com/save/energy\\_tips\\_winter.htm](http://www.pnm.com/save/energy_tips_winter.htm)

[http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/2009-10-15-how-to-lower-heating-costs\\_N.htm?csp=usat.me](http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/2009-10-15-how-to-lower-heating-costs_N.htm?csp=usat.me)

### **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**1: Do not set your thermostats below 55 degrees as your pipes may freeze causing severe damage. Even if you go home for the holidays.**

**2: You are responsible to notify me of any extended absence in excess of 7 days.**

**3: It is a good idea to leave a small drip going in your sink to prevent freezing pipes.**

**4: Space Heaters are strictly prohibited in all Apts. If found you could be evicted and you will lose your Security Deposit.**