

Recycling older appliances is one of the many ways residents can save energy and money.

Here are some easy, low-cost steps PECO customers can take to make a difference:

- **Keep it sealed:** Inspect the caulking or weather stripping around windows, doors and any openings for utility services. A drafty house lets cool air escape and is much more costly to keep cool—especially during warmer weather.
- **Clear the air:** Replacing your old central air conditioner with a new ENERGY STAR®-qualified model can reduce your cooling costs by as much as 30 percent. Change your filter regularly to ensure optimal performance.
- **Upgrade your insulation:** Insulating your home can significantly reduce your heating and cooling costs, while increasing the comfort of your home in both hot and cold weather.
- **Consider the benefits of yard work:** Proper selection and placement of trees, shrubs, and vines adds curb appeal and also helps lower the heating and cooling needs of a home. PECO encourages customers to always put safety first. Dial 811 at least three days before digging to ensure the area is safe for planting.

Here are a few tips to help you stay cool when the summer heat is on!

- **Turn it off:** Turn off all unnecessary lighting and devices.
- **Manage your thermostat:** Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level when at home. Raise the thermostat setting for days of extreme heat to save even more. Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature settings when you're away or sleeping.
- **Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed:** About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Simply closing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat in your home.
- **Use ceiling fans to circulate air:** For those without air conditioning, use ceiling fans or portable fans with the windows partially open to circulate fresh air into your home. For those with air conditioning, fans can be used to evenly distribute cool air.
- **Use appliances wisely:** Run appliances that produce heat (like clothes dryers, ovens and dishwashers) at night when it is cooler.