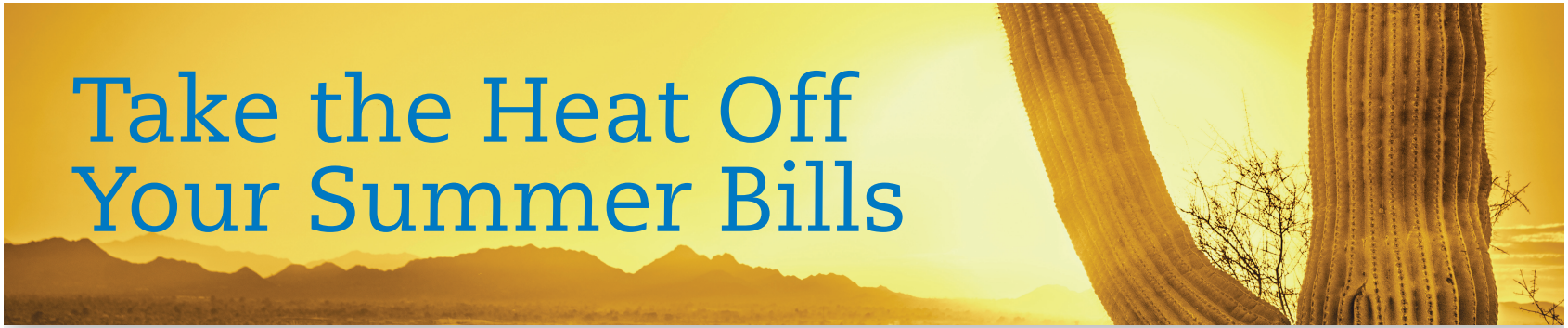

Take the Heat Off Your Summer Bills

Long summer days and hot weather lead to increased air conditioning use and higher electric bills. Electric use usually reaches its peak in July, when average monthly usage for residential customers typically exceeds 1,200 kilowatt hours.

Following a few simple steps and taking advantage of TEP's energy efficiency programs can help you reduce your summertime energy expenses.

Simple Steps

- Set your thermostat at the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree you raise your thermostat can reduce your overall energy costs by about 2-3 percent.
- Use ceiling or oscillating fans to keep air moving so you feel cooler.
- Keep window coverings closed, especially during the afternoon in rooms facing west.

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Energy Efficiency Programs

Replace traditional bulbs with energy efficient LEDs. ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs use up to 90% less energy, on average, than standard incandescent bulbs. The more bulbs you with switch out, the more money you save.

Consider planting trees that will help you conserve energy by shading buildings and reducing the effects of urban heat islands. TEP customers can purchase up to three native and low-water trees per year for just $5 each through the TEP Trees for You Program.

Limited-income households may be eligible for energy efficiency upgrades through TEP's Weatherization Assistance Program. New insulation, upgraded cooler motors and other home improvements are provided at no cost to eligible recipients, though funding is limited.

Visit tep.com to learn more about these and other energy efficiency programs.

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