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Be cool (cooling tips)

Is your house hot in the summer? Is it costing you a fortune to keep it cool? Keep reading to for some facts and tips about air conditioning and keeping cool that may help you keep cool and lower your cost this summer.

You may be familiar with some of this information already or it may seem obvious or common sense but putting the knowledge to practical use can save you money and help keep you cool.

Cool Facts

- On hot days why doesn't the air coming from my air conditioner seem as cool as on moderately hot days. An air conditioner in good condition can be expected to cool the ambient air 20 degrees. If the air is 95 degrees the air conditioner can be expected to cool it to 75 degrees. If the air is 80 degrees the air conditioner can be expected to cool it to 60 degrees. So you are right, on hot days the air coming from your air conditioner is warmer than on moderately hot days. For practical purposes, there is not much you can do about this, it is just the way air conditioners work, but being aware of it may make it easier to bear.
- It takes a long time to cool a hot house. If it is 90 degrees in your house, not only the air is 90 degrees but the floors, walls, ceilings, furniture, clothing, etc. are also 90 degrees. It is going to take a long time to cool all this stuff down and your air conditioner is going to be working it's butt off, so be patient. When it is going to be really hot for an extended period of time it may be better to just leave the air on so that you don't have to go through the cycle of cooling off a lot of hot stuff.
- When we get hot, our body tries to cool itself. To do this it perspires and as the sweat evaporates it cools us off. In low relative humidity the sweat evaporates readily and we keep cool. In high relative humidity the sweat has no where to go because the surrounding air is already full of moisture so most of it just sits on our body and little cooling occurs. This is why 95 degrees in Phoenix, with low humidity, can feel cool while 85 degrees in Chicago, with high humidity, can feel sweltering. In high humidity, a breeze can help evaporate the sweat because it moves more air across our skin that picks up more moisture and thus helps cool us

off. We've all experienced that cool breeze which really isn't any cooler but it is cooling. Air condition not only lowers the temperature in your house but also lowers the humidity.

Cool tips

- Have your air conditioner serviced regularly to assure it is in peak condition and make sure the filter is not clogged.
- Air conditioners are expensive to run so keeping cool without running them can save you big bucks.
- Make sure all your windows including storm windows are closed when running your air conditioner. With them open, you might still be cooling your house but heat is entering through these openings and you are spending money you don't need to.
- Avoid opening the doors and windows any more than necessary, every time you do, heat is getting into your house.
- Avoid creating heat, i.e. hot showers, using the oven and stove, ironing, lighting unnecessary lights or running equipment.
- Two story units get hot upstairs while they are cooler on the lower level. Close off some of the cooling vents in the lower level to force more cool air upstairs, this will help even out the temperature throughout the house.
- Turn the furnace fan "On" but keep the temperature set so the air doesn't come on or set the heat/cool switch to "Off", this will circulate air through the house creating your own "breeze".
- On cool nights open the windows to cool the house off. The next morning while it is still cool, close all the windows and close the blinds/curtains to help keep the heat out. Once the temperature of the house reaches outside temperature it is time to open the windows and try to get a breeze. I do this all the time and even on very hot days stay cool until the afternoon without using the air conditioner.

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