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As temperatures climb, PG&E wants to help you with your summer home energy prep with a few simple cost-savings solutions to keep you cool and comfortable all season long.

To rule the cool inside your home, start by adjusting your thermostat. Set it to 78 degrees or higher when you're home health permitting. Every degree above 78 degrees represents a savings of 2%. Next, seal any leaks or drafty doors and windows. By using weather stripping or caulking to seal any gaps, you can prevent your AC from working overtime and save \$120 a year.

Also, replace air filters and make sure air vents and registers aren't blocked by rugs, curtains, or furniture. By cleaning or replacing air filters, you can improve performance, enhance air quality, and reduce energy costs. Making the seasonal swap can lower your bill by as much as \$15 a year.

Another money-saving move-- close blinds or curtains during the hottest part of the day. They block the sun, keep your home cooler, and can save you \$30 a year. And don't forget to use your ceiling fan. Fans create a breeze without draining energy from your AC. It's a small change that can save \$15 a year.

For more ways to keep energy costs down, including how to build PG&E's energy efficiency DIY toolkit, visit pge.com/summer.