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## DID YOU KNOW?

*Q: Because many people work all day, what is the best way to save money — turn the air up all day and then turn it down in the evenings or leave it at a set temperature all the time?*

*A:* To save money during the summer cooling season, Atlantic City Electric encourages its customers to turn the thermostat up a few degrees (recommended setting: 78 degrees), particularly during the day while you're at work. If you can't remember to turn the thermostat up while you're gone, consider investing in a programmable thermostat

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## Weathering the Next Emergency—Are You Ready?

Summer is here, and while most of us welcome warmer weather, the hot and humid conditions can create severe storms. Unfortunately, storms bring high winds and lightning, which can down power lines resulting in outages.

At Atlantic City Electric, we regularly update and review our emergency response plan. For example, when storms threaten we increase staffing levels, shift resources as appropriate and work with local governments to activate emergency procedures.

As part of its Crisis Management Plan, Atlantic City Electric also is making emergency preparations in case a pandemic flu strikes the Mid-Atlantic area. The effort involves determining best allocation of utility resources and working cooperatively with local fire, police and emergency medical personnel.

Just as Atlantic City Electric is making preparations, we recommend that customers plan ahead for the possibility of extended outages in the event of storms. Here are some helpful reminders:

- Have an emergency “supply kit” on hand. It should include a flashlight, fresh batteries, a battery-powered radio, at least a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food, a hand-operated can opener and a first aid kit.

- Plan ahead for anyone in your home who may have special needs, such as those who may be on power-dependent medical devices. Have an alternate location with emergency power capability and plan to take them there.

- Have enough medications on hand in case travel restrictions hamper your ability to obtain refills.

- Make sure you have a telephone with a cord or a cell phone to use as a back-up. Cordless phones will not work when the power is out. Also, teach children how and when to call emergency numbers.

- If it appears power will be out for more than two-to-four hours, transfer refrigerated foods to an insulated cooler surrounded by “wet” ice.

We have more tips on preparing to weather the next storm. Visit our Web site at [www.atlanticcityelectric.com](http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com) and click on the *Weathering the Storm* brochure. You'll also find quick reference fact sheets in English and Spanish with more tips and information.

To learn more about a potential pandemic outbreak and emergency preparedness steps you can take, visit the federal government's Web site, [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov).

## Digging? Call First.

Will you be planting trees in your yard this summer? Building a deck? Or, perhaps, a fence? If so, please be sure to call in your project to a utility locating service before you start digging.

That's because below that ground that you plan to dig are utility lines or facilities of some nature and, for your safety, you need to know where they are so you can avoid them while you plant that tree, build that deck or post that fence.

Even if you are only digging a few inches deep, you are required to notify the utility locating service two to 10 days before you plan to dig.

The free utility locating service number for your area is listed below:

**New Jersey One Call: 800-272-1000** (please call at least three days and not more than 10 days before you plan to dig)

**Western Maryland Miss Utility: 800-257-7777**

**Maryland's Eastern Shore Miss Utility: 800-441-8355**

**Virginia Miss Utility: 800-552-7001**

All your underground facilities will be individually marked with small flags in the following colors:

Red – Electric power lines

Yellow – Gas, oil, steam, petroleum

Orange – Communication, alarm or signal lines

Blue – Potable water

Purple – Reclaimed water, irrigation lines

Green – Sewers and drain lines

For more information, tips and facts on excavation, visit [www.missutility.net](http://www.missutility.net) or in New Jersey, [www.nj1-call.org](http://www.nj1-call.org)

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(about \$50) and let it do the work for you. Other energy-savings tips to help you save on your summer electricity bills include:

- Cut down on your cooling costs by keeping out the daytime sun with vertical louvers or awnings on the outside of your windows. Draw any draperies, blinds and shades.
- Keep lights low or off when not needed. Electric lights generate heat and add to the load on your air conditioner.
- Use windows or whole-house ventilating fans to cool your home.
- Use vents and exhaust fans to pull heat and moisture from the attic, kitchen, bath and laundry directly to the outside if you don't have air conditioning.

*If you have a question on energy use and efficiency that you would like to see appear in this column, please send it to:*

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### Delaware (Area code 302)

**Jul 2: Rehoboth Beach Fireworks;** Boardwalk and Rehoboth Avenue; 302-227-2772

**Jul 13-16: Lewes Antique Show & Sale;** Bethel United Methodist Church

**Jul 11,12: Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tour;** Rehoboth Beach; 302-227-8408, [www.rehobothartleague.org](http://www.rehobothartleague.org)

**Jul 17: Colonial Dances;** New Castle Presbyterian Church, New Castle; 302-325-4120, [gtr2112@comcast.net](mailto:gtr2112@comcast.net)

### Maryland (Area code 410)

**Jul 4: Independence Day Celebration;** Chesapeake Exploration Cntr, Kent Narrows; 410-758-0835, [www.qac.org](http://www.qac.org)

**Jul 9: Summer Fun Day** Quaker Bottom Rd., Havre de Grace; 410-939-2299/888-419-1762, [steppingstonemuseum@msn.com](mailto:steppingstonemuseum@msn.com)

**Jul 13: 6th Annual Senior Line Dance Expo;** Queen Anne's Co. High School, Centreville; 410-758-0848, 410-778-9399, [brobinson@qac.org](mailto:brobinson@qac.org)

**Jul 23-29: Kent Island Firemen's Carnival;** Kent Island Fire Dept, Stevensville; 410-643-7424, [www.kivfd.org](http://www.kivfd.org)

### New Jersey (Area code 609, 856)

**Jul: African American Heritage Walking Tour;** Cape May; 609-884-7525, [www.centerforcommunityarts.org](http://www.centerforcommunityarts.org)

**Jul 12: Haddonfield Community Band;** Whitman Stafford Farm House, Laurel Springs; 856-784-1105

**Jul 19-22: St. Theresa's Church Carnival;** Radio Rd., Little Egg Harbor; [millergrgy123@aol.com](mailto:millergrgy123@aol.com)

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*For more events:* Click on "In Your Community" at our Web site. Atlantic City Electric Region, visit [www.atlanticcityelectric.com](http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com); Delmarva Power Region, visit: [www.delmarva.com](http://www.delmarva.com). To include a future event either in ENYCU or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or send an e-mail to [Energy.News@pepcoholdings.com](mailto:Energy.News@pepcoholdings.com).

