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## Heat Advisory Keeping Your Home Cool

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Summer is upon us and with that brings high temps. Keep your home cool during extreme heat with these tips!

### **Regulate AC Temperature**

In extreme heat, your AC is working overtime. Be sure to keep your thermostat at one temperature and set to auto so that it only runs when it needs to. If your unit is operational and blowing cool air, there is no need to place a work order.

### **Keep Blinds & Shades Closed**

30% of unwanted heat comes from windows! Utilizing shades, curtains, or blinds can save you up to 7% on your bills and lower indoor temps by up to 20 degrees. Closing window treatments ultimately keeps your home from becoming a greenhouse.

### **Utilize Fans**

Did you know your ceiling fan needs to be adjusted seasonally? Set it to rotate counter-clockwise in the summer at a higher speed. The fan's airflow will create a wind-chill breeze effect that will make you and your home "feel" cooler.

Fans can also help cool your home faster and make your AC not have to work as hard. Can you say utility savings?! Be sure to utilize exhaust fans when cooking and showering.

### **Should I Place a Work Order?**

Our maintenance team receives the highest call volume during the summer months. Do a quick check before placing that work order for your AC. Is your AC operational and blowing cool air? If you answered yes to this question then there is no need to place a work order.

As stated above, your AC works over time during extreme heat and it can only work so hard. Be sure to utilize these tips to keep your home cool. This way our techs can prioritize residents who have nonoperational units.

To view how-to videos or request service, log into the maintenance portal now! For maintenance emergencies, please call **(888) 330-4969**.