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12 Tips to Cool Your Home Affordably

As summer temperatures rise, so does the cost of cooling a home. Depending on the size and type of home, appliances and other factors, those bills can be substantial. Don't sweat it this summer! Consider these affordable ways to keep cool.

Reduce heat-producing activities:

1. Humidity makes air feel warmer so turn on ventilating fans when cooking and showering.
2. Wait until the cooler parts of the day to use appliances such as ovens and dishwashers.
3. Hang your clothes to dry outdoors rather than using a clothes dryer.
4. Close drapes and blinds during the hottest times of the day to prevent up to 65 percent of heat gain through your windows.
5. Switch to cooler florescent bulbs that use approximately 75 percent less energy and last longer than incandescent light bulbs.

Landscape and renovate to lower the indoor temperature:

6. Upgrade attic insulation to prevent heat from passing from the attic into the living spaces below.
7. Choose light-coloured roof tiles or paint your roof with white or reflective paint, depending on the material.
8. Plant deciduous trees (e.g., maple) or vines on a trellis to provide shade and keep your home approximately 4°C cooler on hot days.
9. Install awnings on south-facing windows.

Other cool tips:

10. Use fans to circulate the air in your home. Set ceiling fans to run counter clockwise.
11. Lamps, televisions and other appliances in close proximity to thermostats can create false readings that keep your air conditioner running longer than necessary.
12. Adjust your schedule so that you avoid using south and west-facing rooms at the hottest times of the day.

This summer, the only thing that should be sizzling is what's cooking on the barbeque!

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