

Cool your home efficiently

When it's time, upgrade your system

Heating and cooling uses up a lot of energy in your home, so when it's time to replace an appliance, look for Energy Star certified systems with a high Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) and Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) ratings. If it's not time to upgrade, remember to at least provide regular cleaning and maintenance for your air conditioner.

Optimize your thermostat

Setting your thermostat at 78 degrees in the summer can save you up to 10% in energy costs each summer, according to the Department of Energy. If that's a little too toasty for you, remember that for every degree you raise your thermostat above 72 degrees, you could save up to 3% on cooling costs.

Seal your home

You're spending good money to cool your home, so keep that cool air inside by properly sealing areas where air can escape. Add weather stripping to your doors and windows to prevent leaks, and consider adding wall or attic insulation to ward off heat from the sun's rays.

Cook your meals outside

If you find your kitchen heating up at dinnertime, consider taking the cooking outdoors. Some kitchen appliances can raise the temperature by 10 degrees, so grilling out becomes a great option to keep your home cool.

We're fans of fans

Ceiling fans, box fans or standing fans can make a big impact in your comfort level while keeping your energy costs low. Using a fan can allow you to raise your thermostat by up to 4 degrees without sacrificing comfort. While fans don't technically cool the house, they have a similar effect by cooling the people inside.

Continued Monitoring of COVID-19

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to be lifted in our area, Hastings Utilities is monitoring the lingering effects. If you're having trouble paying your utility bill, please reach out at 402-463-1371 to work out a payment plan.