



Stay Cool and Save Money

California summers are more than beaches and palm trees. Here are some ways to keep your home cool this summer without using expensive air conditioning:

1. **Close and cover your windows.** Use drapes, blinds or curtains to block sunlight. Keep your windows sealed during the day to keep inside air cool.
2. **Adjust fans to turn counter-clockwise.** This moves hot air up and cools your skin. Fans don't create cool air, so turn them off when you leave the room.
3. **Disconnect any idle technology.** Appliances and electronics produce heat, even if you aren't using them. Turn them off or unplug them.
4. **Switch your lightbulbs to energy-efficient ones.** Incandescent lightbulbs produce more heat than light. Switch to LED bulbs and always turn off lights when you aren't in the room.
5. **Start cooking outside.** Much of everyday heat comes from cooking. Grill outside to avoid using your oven and stove.
6. **Prime your bed for cool evenings.** Switch to 100% cotton bedding. Set up a low bed without risers to avoid rising heat through the night.
7. **Make permanent changes to keep your home summer-ready.** Build in shade with trees and awnings. Make sure your attic is properly insulated and seal any air leaks in your home. These changes stop heat before it hits your home.

Stay cool! When you consider another change to a new house this summer, [give me a call!](#)