Spring/Summer Energy Saving Tips

- Install adequate insulation in your attic, walls, basement, crawl spaces and floors. Insulate and weather-strip the accesses to your attic, and caulk around windows and doors to seal cracks.

- Wrap insulation around ductwork that runs through basements, garages or crawl spaces. Place foam gaskets behind light switches and outlet covers to prevent air coming in from the wall space.

- Close off unoccupied rooms and shut off air conditioning vents in those rooms.

- Clean air registers and intake vents regularly. Make sure they are not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.

- Close fireplace damper tightly during summer months.

- Close drapes, blinds or shades during the day on windows that receive direct sunlight to retain cooler air in your home.

- Set your ceiling fan blades to turn counter clockwise so the air is pushed down toward the floor for more efficient cooling.

- Clean or replace air conditioner filters monthly. Have your cooling systems inspected and, if necessary, adjusted annually.

- If your central air conditioner or appliances are more than 15 years old, consider replacing them with an ENERGY STAR* qualified unit.

- Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home’s temperature when you are away or sleeping.

- Use energy saving settings on all electric appliances.

- Wash only full loads of clothes and clean the dryer’s lint screen after each use.

- Preheat the oven for the least amount of time possible. Cook several dishes in the oven at the same time.

* ENERGY STAR is an international standard for energy efficient consumer products originated in the United States. Devices carrying the Energy Star service mark generally use 20%–30% less energy than required by federal standards.