



Energy-saving Success Story: Home Edition!

Longtime Idaho Power customers Don and Betsy Morishita have practiced energy-efficient behaviors for so long, it's become a part of their regular routine. Whether it's shutting off unnecessary lights or opening and closing windows at the right times, the retired Twin Falls couple balances their home's comfort with their desire to keep their summer energy bills low.

"We close blinds during the hot part of the day and don't turn on our air conditioning until after 4 p.m. to save energy and money, but also because we believe energy is a precious resource everybody needs," Don said. "We were both brought up in families who emphasized being mindful of wasting electricity, so I suppose it has always come natural to us."

"I remember that my mom would only do laundry if it was completely full," Betsy added. "We try to be mindful like our parents were, and hopefully we taught it to our kids, too."

The Morishitas use their backyard thermometer to decide whether to open or close the windows. If it's cooler outside than inside, the windows get opened. When it's hotter outside, they close the windows and blinds. And now that they're retired and find themselves spending more time at home during the day, they try to do their baking in the morning and cook outdoors as much as possible, so they don't add heat during the hottest part of the day. The couple also appreciates the large shade trees in their backyard and regularly escape to the cool basement on warm summer evenings.

When shopping for new appliances or looking to replace old windows, they look for the ENERGY STAR® logo, ensuring they're getting the most efficient products. They also lucked out with the home they bought when they moved to town in the early 1990s.

"The folks who owned our home before us really invested in the insulation levels," Don said. "That's helped us stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter."

In addition to energy-efficient behaviors and investments in their home, the Morishitas participate in Idaho Power's A/C Cool Credit program and take advantage of convenient tools to help them manage their account, bills and energy use.

"We signed up for A/C Cool Credit because we understand how important it is to conserve during periods of high-energy demand," Betsy said. "We've done it for over 13 years now, and we hardly even notice when the program is on."

Don uses the My Account online account management tool to check their energy use. He was using it to pay their monthly bills, too, but since signing up for paperless billing and Auto Pay a few years ago, the Morishitas don't worry about paying their bill every month — it gets paid automatically!

Learn more about how you can save energy and money this summer at idahopower.com/save.



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Summer Energy Use and Low-cost Improvements



Extreme temperatures can have a big impact on energy use. And when we have multiple days or weeks of higher-than-normal temperatures like we did last summer, electricity use can go up, causing customers to experience higher-than-usual energy bills.

Knowing how temperatures impact summer energy use can help prevent surprises on your bill. There are also some easy, low-cost improvements you can make at home to get the most out of your energy use.

How Temperature Affects Energy Use

When it's hot outside, your cooling system runs more than it would on a milder day. You may also spend more time inside, which means using more lights, electronics and other household items. To see how outside temperatures impact your own energy use, visit idahopower.com/myaccount, and click "My Energy Usage" from the Usage section of the menu bar.

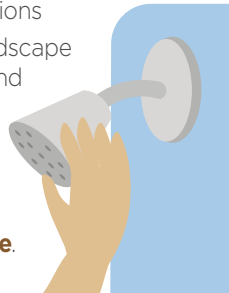
While you're in My Account, sign up for bill amount alerts to help you know when your monthly bill is estimated to reach a preset amount.

Home Improvements for Energy-savings

These no- and low-cost improvements can help you get the best value for your dollar, while also saving the most energy:

- Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs
- Set your water heater temperature to 120°F
- Ensure ducts are insulated, sealed with mastic, free of kinks and appropriately secured
- Install and use a programmable or smart thermostat to manage your home's temperature
- Reduce air leakage by sealing all openings in walls, floors and ceilings
- Ensure exhaust fans function properly
- Change out your showerheads for high-efficiency versions
- Install timers on landscape pumps, sprinklers and outdoor lighting

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From the Energy Efficient Kitchen

Zucchini Fritters

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| 3 cups zucchini, shredded | 2 cloves garlic, minced |
| 1 egg, beaten | 1 tbsp olive oil |
| ¼ cup whole-wheat flour | ½ tsp salt |
| ¼ cup grated Parmesan | |



Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook one spoonful of zucchini mixture at a time, frying until lightly brown on each side. Add pepper or other seasonings to taste. Makes eight medium-sized servings.

Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.

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Side Dish



Take Charge of Your Energy Use with My Account

One of the best ways to be energy aware — and reduce your use — is to use the tools in My Account. Customers can view usage trends, sign up for outage and account alerts, and find suggestions on ways to save.

My Account is also a great place to sign up for convenient programs like paperless billing, Auto Pay and Budget Pay, all of which make managing your Idaho Power account even easier. And our account and outage alerts will help you know when your next monthly bill has hit a set estimated amount, if your bill becomes past due, and provide information and updates on any outages impacting your home or business.

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