



With temperatures rising and summer heat arriving across Georgia, Georgia Power is working to help customers minimize the impact of the higher temperatures on electric bills and provide easy ways to save around the house.

**Simple summer tips to save money and energy include:**

- **Set It For the Season** – Keep thermostats to 78 degrees and use fans to keep you feeling cooler. Every degree higher on your thermostat can result in a 3-4% decrease in energy use.
- **Let it Flow** – Change standard air filters once a month, or pleated filters once every three months. A clogged filter makes your AC work harder, increases wear on your unit, and uses more energy. Ensure air returns and vents are clear and air can circulate.
- **Chill-Out with Laundry** – Wash full loads of clothes with cold water and avoid over-drying. Clean your dryer’s lint trap before every load to increase efficiency.
- **Can't Stand the Heat? Get it out of the Kitchen!** – Reduce the temperature inside your home by using an outdoor grill or smoker instead of indoor ovens and stoves. Also consider the slow cooker or microwave.
- **Throw Some Shade** – Close curtains and blinds during peak hours of the day to reduce extra heat caused by direct sunlight.
- **Fill Your Fridge** – Solids and liquids are easier to cool than air. Keep your refrigerator set to the temperature recommended by the manufacturer for optimal performance.
- **Avoid Phantom Energy Loss** – Unplug your electronic devices when not in use, use smart power strips, and consider energy-saving settings on new devices like smart TVs.

Whether you’re renting, making improvements to an older home or simply looking for ways to save, visit [www.GeorgiaPower.com/Save](http://www.GeorgiaPower.com/Save) for more programs, rebates, and energy saving tips.

**Other programs to help Georgia Power customers manage energy bills this summer:**

- **A Free Online Energy Checkup** – Take a quick and easy online energy checkup that provides a customized energy usage report and ways to save money. [Get started](#)
- **Home Energy Improvement Program (HEIP)** – The HEIP helps Georgia Power customers reduce energy use, save on energy costs and improve the comfort of their homes. Residential customers can earn rebates from Georgia Power for implementing and installing qualifying energy saving improvements. [Learn more](#)
- **Energy Assistance for Savings & Efficiency Program (EASE)** –The EASE Program helps eligible income-qualified customers make free energy efficiency improvements in their home. At no cost to the customer, a program contractor performs the recommended energy efficiency upgrades. [Learn more and apply](#)

- **Income Qualified Discount** - Georgia Power has expanded a program previously known as the “Income-Qualified Senior Discount” to benefit many more customers who have limited incomes and financial resources. The program expansion follows approval by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) in December 2023, and went into effect on May 1, 2024. Through the expanded program, the company expects to make the discount available to tens of thousands of additional customers each year. The discount program is available to customers on a variety of rate plans, and customers meeting at least one of the below criteria may qualify for the expanded discount program:
  - Be 65 years of age or older, with a household meeting the income qualification requirements (a combined household income that is 200% or less of the federal poverty level – \$30,120 – adjusted for household size)
  - Receive Social Security Disability Insurance
  - Receive Supplemental Security Income
  - Participate in the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program (HUD Section 8)

Program participants may receive a discount of \$33.50 on their bill each month. Full program details are available on Georgia Power’s website at [www.GeorgiaPower.com/EnergyDiscount](http://www.GeorgiaPower.com/EnergyDiscount).

“Georgia Power believes that everyone should have access to clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy, we understand that energy costs are an important part of every family’s budget, and we want to be there when our customers need us the most,” said Latanza Adjei, senior vice president of Customer Experience for Georgia Power. “The expanded Income-Qualified Discount is just one example of how we work with the Georgia PSC to develop programs to meet the needs of our customers. We’re committed to connecting customers – including senior citizens, those with one-time or ongoing special needs, and those with limited incomes – with the right programs and resources that can aid them in lowering and paying their bills.”

In addition to the Income-Qualified Discount, Georgia Power offers various other income-qualified programs such as [Energy Assistance for Savings & Efficiency](#) (EASE), and partners with [community action agencies](#) across Georgia that offer services such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), emergency assistance, home weatherization and more. The company’s Energy Assistance team also regularly meets with customers across the state and hosted more than 230 local outreach events in 2023 to help connect customers with energy assistance resources available to them. For more information and additional resources and available options, including information about rate plans and energy efficiency tips, visit [www.GeorgiaPower.com/MyEnergy](http://www.GeorgiaPower.com/MyEnergy).

Georgia Power prioritizes energy affordability for customers year-round and offers a variety of flexible rate plans and programs to help customers manage their energy use and lower their energy costs. Over the past decade, energy efficiency programs have helped Georgia Power customers reduce usage by billions of kilowatt hours. The company also maintains a strong focus on connecting customers – including senior citizens, those with one-time or ongoing special needs, and those with limited incomes – with programs and resources when they’re in need.

Learn more at [GeorgiaPower.com/MyEnergy](http://GeorgiaPower.com/MyEnergy).