

## TIPS FOR GREEN AIR CONDITIONING USE

- **Increase Your Attic Insulation**—Adding more insulation is one of the best investments you can make. It will provide a return on investment in a matter of a few months to a few years.
- **Install Radiant Heat Barriers**—Radiant heat barriers are a thin layer of metal insulation (usually tin foil with a paper backing or a metalized mylar sheeting), which can reduce radiant heat transfer into your attic by as much as 95 percent.
- **Install Ceiling Fans**—The breeze created by a good ceiling fan can eliminate the need to run your AC on cooler days, and will allow you to set the thermostat a few degrees higher on days when your air conditioning is in operation. Ceiling fans also help distribute warm air in the winter, helping to reduce energy costs year round.
- **Seal and Insulate Ductwork**—Poorly sealed ductwork can drastically reduce the cooling efficiency of your air conditioning system, as can ductwork that runs through un-insulated spaces like attics, garages, and crawl spaces.
- **Install Programmable Thermostats**—Multiple zone, programmable thermostats help reduce energy consumption since you won't have to remember to turn the AC up or down. In addition, every degree higher you set your AC will reduce your home cooling costs by 3 to 5 percent.

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