

SUMMER ENERGY SAVING *Checklist*

INSIDE THE HOME:

- ☐ Close blinds against direct sunlight.
- ☐ Close doors and vents in rooms you don't use daily.
- ☐ Close the damper in your fireplace.
- ☐ Invest in a smart thermostat.
- ☐ Check attic insulation and upgrade if needed (may qualify for tax credits).
- ☐ Replace incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient lighting.
- ☐ Unplug unused electronics to reduce heat and energy drain.
- ☐ Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry.
- ☐ Use countertop appliances on hot days to reduce indoor heat.
- ☐ Upgrade to Energy Star-rated systems, appliances, and plumbing fixtures.

OUTSIDE THE HOME:

- ☐ Water your lawn only during dry spells and at the coolest hours of the day.
- ☐ Adjust sprinklers to target grass areas only, not sidewalks or pavement. Hand-water dry spots as needed.
- ☐ Add mulch around trees and plants to retain moisture and prevent drying.
- ☐ Redirect gutters to landscape beds or collect rainwater for reuse.
- ☐ Plant native, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs to increase shade and reduce watering needs.
- ☐ Install a rain sensor on your irrigation system to prevent unnecessary watering.
- ☐ Inspect your home exterior for air leaks around AC connections, expansion joints, and window caulking.
- ☐ Provide shade for your AC unit to improve efficiency during high temperatures.