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Energy Efficiency Tips

Prepare for summer with simple energy-saving tips to keep your costs down!

- Cook with small appliances like toaster ovens, air fryers, plug-in induction burners, or grills to keep indoor temperatures low
- Cool your residence naturally by keeping your shades down when the sun is up, and use fans for maximum air flow

- Weatherize your residence by installing weatherstripping or window film, or get a [comprehensive home energy audit](#) from our partner, the Energy Coordinating Agency, for energy savings of up to 60% annually



Plus, [check out our latest blog post](#) featuring long-time Energy Co-op member Lynn, who shares her energy-saving tips. Her story highlights a central component of sustainable living at home: both consuming renewable energy and using it responsibly. We welcome all members to share their Energy Co-op journeys or sustainable living tips to feature in a future blog post.

Blog Post: Energy Justice and Distributed Energy Resources with POWER Interfaith

We spoke with Randy Libros from [POWER Interfaith's](#) Climate Justice and Jobs team about its ongoing work to advance community-based clean energy.

[Learn about this Energy Co-op partner and ways to get involved in advocating for clean energy together!](#)



Renewable Energy Classroom: Proposed Legislation Could Lower Bills and Expand Clean Energy

A new bill introduced by Mike Levin (D, CA) and Sean Casten (D, IL), alongside over 100 House Democrats, could soon bring clean energy savings to millions of Americans. [The Energy Bills Relief Act](#) is a comprehensive plan to rein in energy costs by prioritizing clean, affordable power.



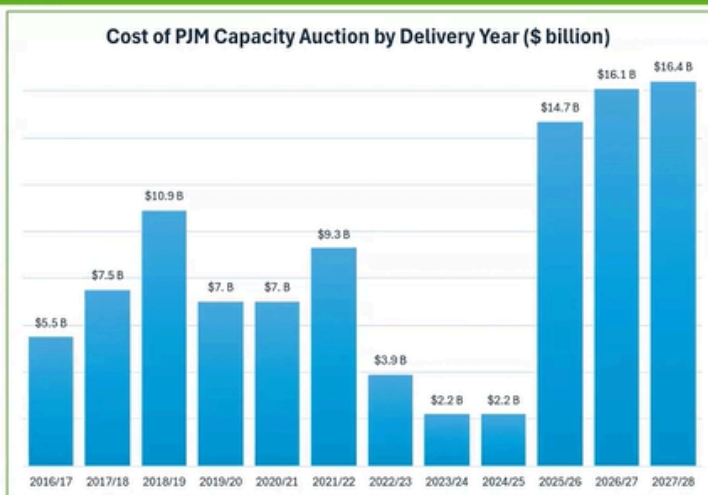
To reduce household costs, the bill would reinstate tax credits for home energy improvements and support weatherization programs to cut energy use. The bill also increases heating assistance for low-income families and expands access to distributed energy resources, enabling households to generate and sell power back to the grid.

The legislation also speeds up the process of connecting new wind and solar projects, invests in transmission infrastructure to deliver clean energy, and incentivizes utilities to save customers money by improving system efficiency. Additional provisions aim to prevent utility price gouging and ensure large energy users like data centers cover their own costs.

Together, these policies aim to cut energy bills, strengthen reliability, and reduce climate pollution nationwide. Show your support by signing [Climate Action PA's online petition](#).

ICYMI: Spring Market Update

2026 Outlook: PJM Capacity Costs



(PJM 2027/2028 Base Residual Auction Report, December 17, 2025)

Missed our Spring Market Update? Catch up on what to expect in the energy market this summer! Our Energy Programs Director Nora Fulvio breaks down key trends, including how natural gas prices may affect electricity costs and how clean energy continues to lead the way in new generation. [Watch the recording here!](#)

Upcoming Events!

TODAY: Rate Cases and Energy Justice Advocacy

May 7, 6:00pm (virtual). Join POWER Interfaith and partners for a discussion of their role in PPL's recent rate case, which resulted in important wins for affordability and energy justice.

Speakers will discuss why rate cases matter, what can be won through participation, and how this work connects to broader campaigns. Register [here](#).

ACTION: Energy Justice in Philly

May 12, all day. City Hall. The Gas Commission has voted to delay a decision on a proposed new gas plant in Port Richmond, but the fight isn't over! Show your support for decarbonization by attending the budget hearing virtually or in person, or joining the HERE for Climate Justice rally beforehand.

Later that day, City Council will also hold an energy affordability hearing with opportunities for public testimony. Make your voice heard! For more details, RSVP [here](#).

Mission Story Slam

May 12, 5:30pm. Triple Bottom Brewing. Join us for our first time sponsoring Mission Story Slam, Philly's favorite storytelling competition for do-gooders! Connect with other mission-driven people and organizations for a night you won't forget! Get tickets [HERE](#).

Reflections on our Endangered Environment

May 21, 5:30pm. Philadelphia Ethical Society. Attend the Clean Air Council's first environmentally themed art exhibit! View and purchase work from local artists, enjoy a silent auction, and connect over complimentary drinks and snacks. Proceeds support CAC's work to ensure a healthy environment for all. Learn more and get tickets [here](#).

Green Philly EcoFair

May 16, 12pm. Cherry Street Pier. Attend the third-annual showcase of Philly's eco-resources and initiatives supporting a greener future! Stop by The Energy Co-op's table, shop eco-friendly alternatives from local businesses, and participate in art and workshops for the whole family! Learn more [here](#).

DelCo Renewable Energy and Environmental Expo

May 30, 11:00am. Rose Tree County Park. Curious about buying an EV or looking to learn more about environmental groups in your community? [Stop by the Expo](#) to hear from your elected officials and talk with local experts from clean energy, efficiency and weatherization, and EV and environmental groups!

2026 Annual Member Meeting

Tuesday June 23, 5:30pm. It's almost that time again! Join us next month at our 2026 Annual Member Meeting for important organizational updates, member networking, and more. This will be an AMM you won't want to miss! Location coming soon. *Plus*, look out for proxy ballots to be sent out shortly--your vote matters!

What We're Reading

[PECO withdraws its rate hike case after backlash from PA governor, lawmakers](#)
Susan Phillips, *WHYY*

[Gov. Shapiro to utilities: 'The 20th century utility model is broken'](#)
Lisa Martine Jenkins, *Latitude Media*

[PGW's proposed liquified natural gas plant in Philadelphia's Port Richmond neighborhood now in limbo](#)
Susan Phillips, *WHYY*

[Natural gas interests court PA Democrats, touting products as 'clean energy'](#)
Kiley Bense, *Inside Climate News*

[PUC acts to protect ratepayers, guide data center growth with new Large Load Tariff Framework](#)



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