

ENERGY SAVERS

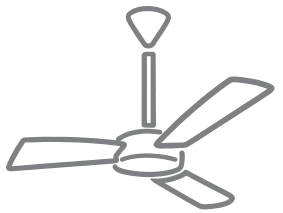
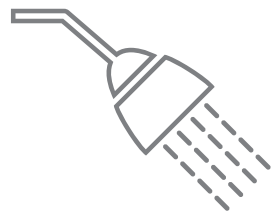
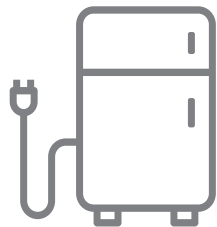
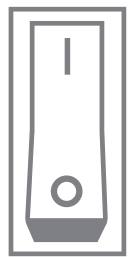
GRU customers can **keep energy costs down** by managing their usage during the hot summer months.

*savings will vary based on usage

This chart shows how many kWh (how much energy you use per hour) the average GRU residential customer used each month in 2021 and how much that would cost based on May 2022 electric rates.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
KWH 2021	814	677	593	678	727	818	940	930	1017	844	644	649
MAY 2022 COST	\$133.79	\$113.96	\$101.81	\$114.11	\$121.20	\$134.36	\$154.35	\$152.64	\$167.49	\$138.13	\$109.19	\$109.91

FOLLOW THESE TIPS to save money and energy.



Switch your thermostat fan from "ON" to "AUTO" and you can reduce your usage by about 210 kWh per month.

Yearly savings:
\$336

If you keep an older-model refrigerator in the garage, use it only when needed. That '90s-era unit likely uses 80-90 kWh per month.

Yearly savings:
\$144

Turn your water heater down to 120°F and shorten your showers by one or two minutes to save both electricity and water.

Yearly savings:
\$400

Source: energy.gov

80-85% of energy used for washing clothes goes to heating the water; your clothes will be just as clean with cold water and you'll save!

Yearly savings:
\$60

Source: Consumer Reports

Adjust your thermostat a few degrees when you leave for the day. Just two degrees can change your use by 3-5%, about 50kWh per month.

Yearly savings:
\$81

Let your hair dry naturally. Hair dryers can use up to 2,500 Watts/hour, so half an hour per day is 38 kWh in a month.

Yearly savings:
\$60

Use ceiling fans to cool down and increase comfort, but remember, they only cool people, not the room. Be sure to turn fans off when you leave the room. One ceiling fan running 24/7 can add up quickly.

Yearly savings:
\$72