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BECOME A FAN OF THE FAN.

Ceiling fans help your air conditioner work more effectively, keeping you comfortable.



Don't touch that dial. Just two degrees above 78 (in the summer) can reduce your air-conditioning energy use by up to 10%.

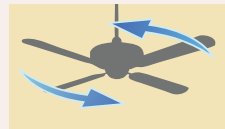
When temperatures are extreme, power bills tend to be higher than normal. So as we approach the dog days of summer, keep a close eye on the thermostat and remember that ceiling fans can make a room feel 3 to 4 degrees cooler than the thermostat setting. While we recommend keeping

your thermostat set on 78° in the summer, some people find 78° a little too warm. But with a ceiling fan, you can keep that thermostat on 78° and the room will feel like it's 74° or 75°. Those 3 or 4 degrees will make a big difference on your power bill. So become a fan of the fan.

For more information on ceiling fans and other energy saving tips to keep your power bills in check, visit www.AlabamaPower.com/tips. And don't forget, Alabama Power has reduced electricity rates four times over the past year. So as long as summer weather isn't extreme, you should be getting some relief on your power bill.

In which direction should your fan turn?

If your fan has a reversible switch, make sure you've got it on the right setting. In the summer, your blades should be rotating counter-clockwise, so that you can feel cool air being pushed down on you.



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POWER RECIPE | Swiss Steak

Round steak (desired amount for meal)

Vegetable oil

1 medium onion, chopped

Small can mushrooms, undrained

1 6-oz. can mushroom steak sauce

Water (use 1 steak sauce can)

Cut round steak into 3-inch square pieces. Roll in flour and brown in skillet with small amount of vegetable oil. Put browned meat in a 9" x 13" baking dish. In the skillet with the oil and drippings, add onion, mushrooms undrained, mushroom steak sauce and water. Bring to a boil and pour over meat. Cover and bake at 350° for about 1 hour. Serve meat and gravy with mashed potatoes.

Recipe by Laura Green of Munford.

POWER TIP | Clean your filters. Heating and cooling systems work more efficiently when they can breathe freely. Replace or clean your filter monthly to help save energy and money on energy costs.

CUSTOMER TIP | Give your home an Energy Check Up.

Alabama Power is offering a free online Energy Check Up that will help you discover things you can do to improve your home's energy efficiency and save money on your energy bill. Just visit www.AlabamaPower.com/tips and have a copy of your power bill handy to complete an Energy Check Up for your home.

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