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## **News Release**

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## **Soaring temperatures may mean higher electric bills**

**Stoughton, WI** – A recent stretch of extremely hot, humid weather is likely to lead to higher energy use, and therefore higher bills, for many electric utility customers across the region.

For customers of Stoughton Utilities, bills for the period that includes the late-July heat wave will be mailed on approximately August 8, 2011. For those using air conditioners to beat the heat this summer, energy bills for this period may be higher than usual.

“During extremely warm periods such as the one we recently experienced, many people increase their use of air conditioning to stay cool and comfortable,” said Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian Hoops. “We want to remind customers that there are steps they can take to help control their summer energy use and the bill that results.”

To beat the heat and keep home energy costs down on warm days, Customers of Stoughton Utilities are encouraged to:

- Limit indoor cooking to keep the temperature down
- Plant trees that will shade the home and block the sun’s heat.
- Clean or replace air cooling system filters regularly.

Businesses can “keep their cool” by:

- Setting an energy-saving “sleep mode” in computers and other equipment.
- Installing sensors or timers to automatically turn off lights.
- Scheduling yearly maintenance of HVAC equipment to ensure it runs efficiently.

For more tips and for information about energy-saving programs available through Stoughton Utilities, customers may call (608) 873-3379 or visit the utility’s website at [www.stoughtonutilities.com](http://www.stoughtonutilities.com).

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