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CO-OP NEWS

Keep your home's second floor cool in the summer

Are you struggling to keep the second story of your home cool on these sizzling summer days? As heat and hot air rises, so does the temperature in your upper level. Keeping it cool can be a challenge, even if you have an air conditioner. The key is to limit heat gain and to keep the air circulating.

These steps can help cool down your upper floor, as well as keep your entire home cool through the end of the season. No sweat!

Keep blinds and drapes closed. Close blinds or curtains when the sun is shining to reduce solar heat. Remember that light colored window coverings are most effective at blocking heat energy from the sun. Consider investing in thermal blocking drapes or insulated shades to keep your rooms cool and reduce demand on your air conditioning (AC) system.

- **Limit heat being created upstairs.** Devices such as computers and hair dryers emit hot air. Use them downstairs to help reduce heat upstairs.
- **Use ceiling fans.** Ceiling fans make you feel cool by circulating air and providing a cooling sensation on your skin. Be sure to set ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise in the summer to push cool air downwards and turn them off when you leave to conserve energy.
- **Adjust the dampers.** Control airflow by adjusting dampers up and down to restrict or increase airflow. If the second floor is warmer in the summer months, keep dampers on second-floor vents fully open, and only partially open the vents on the first floor to force more cool air to the second floor.
- **Check for air leaks.** EnergyStar.gov estimates that between 25% and 40% of the money spent on cooling and heating homes is lost due to air leakage problems. Identify air leaks in your home and use caulking, weatherstripping and insulation to seal the gaps.
- **Turn the fan from auto to on.** Use "on" instead of "auto" to keep your thermostat fan on and maintain air circulation throughout the home. This allows the entire house to stay cool, whether or not the air conditioner is running.

GRILL SMART:

Tips for a safe BBQ



Grilling outdoors saves energy and makes summer meals more fun. Grill safe with these simple tips:

LOCATION MATTERS:

- Place grills on a stable, flat surface.
- Keep away from homes, decks and branches.
- Grill outdoors only — never inside garages or enclosed spaces.
- Keep kids and pets at least 3 feet away.
- Never leave the grill unattended.

FOR GAS GRILLS:

- Check for gas leaks before each season.
- Open the lid before lighting to prevent gas buildup.
- Turn off gas if the flame goes out; wait five minutes before relighting.

FOR CHARCOAL GRILLS:

- Only use charcoal starter fluid.
- Never add lighter fluid to a lit fire.
- Let coals cool after use, then dispose in a metal container.

FOR ELECTRIC GRILLS:

- Use outdoor-rated grills when cooking outside.
- Never grill in rainy or wet areas.
- Plug into a GFCI outlet for shock protection.
- Check cords for damage before use.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE:

- Clean grease buildup to prevent fires.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- A clean grill = fewer fires + better flavor.

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- **Evaluate ductwork.** Check your ductwork for leaks or improper sizing to ensure even air distribution in every part of your home. If you don't feel cold air coming from second floor vents, or you see old and cracked seals in your ductwork, it could be time for maintenance.
- **Check your air filters.** Regularly change your air filters to optimize airflow — dirty filters decrease air movement.
- **Add portable air conditioners.** Use portable AC units in specific rooms that need extra cooling. They are relatively easy to install, effectively remove heat and provide a cool environment for sleeping.
- **Adjust HVAC systems.** Consider a zoned HVAC system, with thermostats on each floor, to control the temperature on each floor separately.
- **Keep heat-generating appliances off during the hottest hours.** Your dryer, oven and television produce heat, causing your air conditioner to work harder. Limit use of these appliances to early morning or evening when possible and consider grilling outdoors if you plan to cook.
- **Don't forget the attic:** If your roof and attic area are not properly insulated, heat will seep in through the roof and heat the second floor. You can also have an attic fan or vents installed to help remove hot air from the attic.

The following names have been drawn for a \$25 bill credit. Contact Wyrulec Company at 877-WYRULEC to claim your credit!

Scott Prusia
Alex Harris
Kim Butterfield
Strategic Beef Enterprises LLC
Tim Williams



Operation Round Up

Are you in?

Giving back to the community is a big part of what Wyrulec Company is all about. Members are encouraged to participate in the Operation Round-Up program, as a simple way to support their own communities.

How it Works:

The program gathers voluntary contributions by “rounding up” a member’s monthly bill to the next dollar. For example, a bill of \$82.75 would round up to \$83, contributing 25 cents to the Round-Up fund. The most a member could contribute in a year would be \$11.88, with the average contribution per year being around \$5.

Where Does the Money Go?

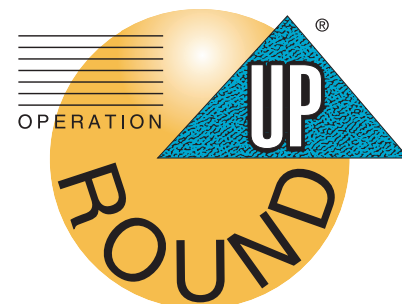
Round-Up funds are used to provide assistance to the community in areas of need that may otherwise go unanswered. The Board of Directors receives and evaluates all requests, and determines how the funds are to be distributed. Past recipients of funding include the Senior Center, local food pantries, and financial assistance for families experiencing hardship from tragedy or illness.

Small Change Can Change Lives!

How do pennies make a difference? By giving pocket change each month, the members of Wyrulec Company have the potential to give thousands. If all of our members participate, the fund could provide thousands of dollars in community aid each year. In 2024, the total contribution received from members was \$1,191.90.

Please join us in Rounding Up - the funds will always stay in your community!

Watch your August bill for an enrollment form, or give us a call to begin rounding up today! 877-WYRULEC

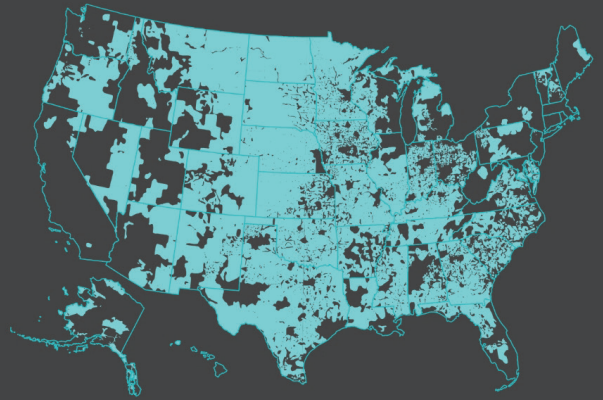


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See you at the fair!

