

Is your home ready for the summer heat?

South Carolina is one of the hottest states in the United States. To combat the scorching heat, 95% of South Carolina households use some form of air conditioning equipment. Weatherizing your home is a great way to help reduce cost and ensure your home is comfortable during the hot summer months. Check out some of our weatherization tips to help keep your house cool this summer:



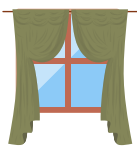
1 Attic Fan

Use an attic fan or a powered attic ventilator to regulate the heat level of a building's attic by clearing out hot air.



2 Curtains

Use curtains to block sunlight and cool a room down.



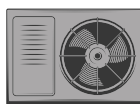
3 Lightbulbs

Install efficient light sources, like LED bulbs, to reduce the amount of heat it lets off and reduce energy cost.



4 AC window units

Install window air conditioning units and insulate around them.



9 HVAC

Keep your HVAC system running efficiently by performing regular maintenance.

5 Ceiling Fans

Have ceiling fans* rotate counter clockwise to disperse hot air.



*Do not use as your primary cooling source.

6 Weather-stripping

Weather-strip doors and windows to air seal your home.



7 Window Reflectors

Use window reflectors such as aluminium foil covered cardboard to reflect heat back outside.



8 Insulation

Add insulation to keep heat out and reduce energy cost.



Need financial assistance weatherizing your home?

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