

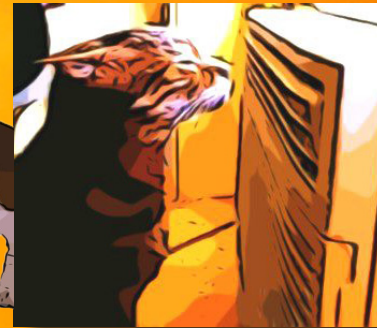
# We're Than You

this summer

# Cooler



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CHALLENGE



More than **6,250 residents and their pets** have taken the Denver Energy Challenge and will be cooler this summer because their home is no longer wasting energy. It's not too late to join them! To help you get started, we've put together a list of pet-friendly energy efficiency tips to build awareness for safe, comfortable indoor temperatures and practices to avoid wasting energy without stressing the pets who are home without you.



## When Are The Hot- test Days Of Summer?

Temperatures above 90 degrees can begin as early as May and last through Sept. in Denver.

## How Many People Have Pets in Denver City/County?

1.6 dogs/household  
1.9 cats/household

## How Hot Was It Summer of 2012?

Denver had over 65 days of temperatures over 90 degrees last summer.

## How Hot In Denver This Year?

It is expected to be warmer in 2013 with above average temperatures. **OUCH!**



### Thermostat Settings

Set your thermostat no higher than 80 degrees for your dog or cat while away. If your pet has a health condition, check with your vet on a good temperature setting, and

don't turn off your AC if your pet is indoors. **Remember, pets don't perspire like humans to keep cool. They only perspire through their foot pads and will pant to cool themselves.**

### Don't have an AC system?

Close blinds on your south and west facing windows during the day to keep the house cool. Close your house during the day and then open it at night when the air temperature cools down. If you have a basement, allow your pet to spend time there where it will be cooler.

### Lights and Ceiling Fans

Leave off lights and ceiling fans in rooms you're not using whether you're home or away. Natural lighting



is more soothing for your pets and they don't feel the effects of ceiling fans like you do.

### TV, Radio or Music Playing

Leave home electronics turned off while you're away. Leaving TV's, radios or music may keep your pet active in the daytime hours versus getting rest and relaxation while you're away. This is especially relevant for cats who are typically nocturnal by nature.



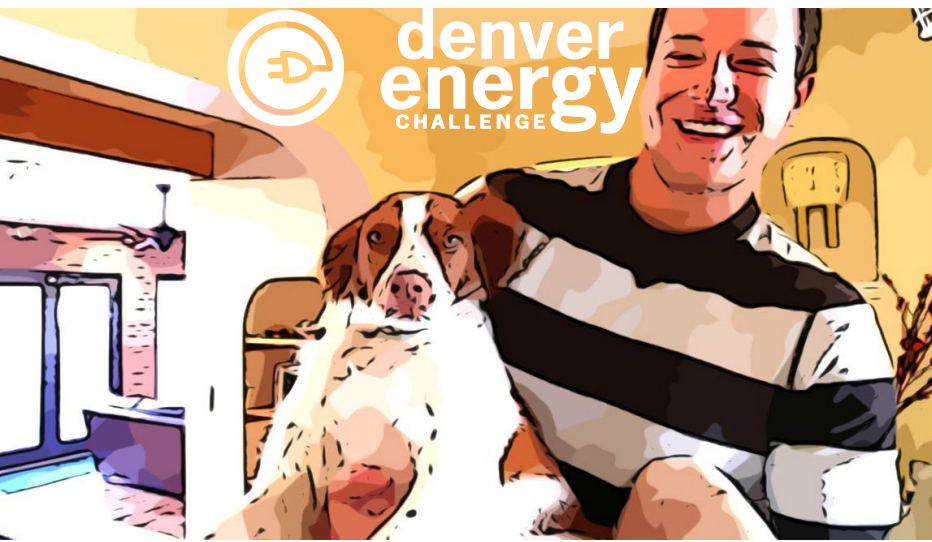
### Air Leaks

Be sure that your windows, doors and fireplaces are sealed. Make sure to air seal any ceiling penetrations as well. Don't let precious cool air out of your home during extreme outdoor heat of the summer. Air leaks cause your AC to turn on more frequently, which uses more electricity and leads to higher electricity bills.



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The Denver Energy Challenge is a **FREE**, residential energy advisor program brought to you by the City and County of Denver.

## Why Make Your Home Energy Efficient?

The age and size of your home, along with the number of people

who live in it, and how they use energy differs from one house to the next. So knowing what measures make sense for your home is critical when it comes to cutting energy waste. A neutral advisor through this City program can help you do just that, and save you time in the process!

## How To Get Started

Contact a no-cost energy advisor at **720.865.5520** or sign up at **[www.DenverEnergy.org](http://www.DenverEnergy.org)** and an advisor will contact you.

**Reduce utility costs | Improve indoor comfort | Improve indoor air quality**

Advisors are available to help no matter where you are in the process.

**There's No Catch, So Call Today!**  
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**REMINDER:** Every summer Animal Care & Control has to rescue animals from inside vehicles. The temperature inside a vehicle can rise very quickly; even with the windows cracked. Dogs can suffer heat stroke in a very short time. So make it a habit to leave your pet at home if you have stops that would require them to wait in the car.

