



ComEd's Central AC Cycling Program

FACT SHEET

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What is the Central AC Cycling program?

You can help to reduce electricity demand - and earn an automatic credit on your bill - by signing up for ComEd's Central Air Conditioning Cycling Program (AC Cycling).

In the summer, demand for electricity is high, and "peak" times can strain the grid. To help better manage our energy resources, ComEd will give homeowners with central air conditioning a \$10 monthly bill credit from June through September, or \$40 total.

If you enroll in the program, you would authorize ComEd to send signals to your home's central air-conditioning system to "cycle" the compressor (a key component of your cooling system) on and off at peak times of energy usage across ComEd territory.

A couple key points:

- Cycling is only done when needed, on specific days and for limited periods of time.
- Even if the compressor is turned off, the air-conditioner's fan will continue to circulate air that's already been cooled.
- Participants have said they don't notice a difference in their homes during cycling events. But if someone in your household is home during most of the day or has a medical condition, this program might not be right for you.

By reducing electricity demand on hot summer days, AC Cycling participants can help prevent power outages, lower rates and improve the environment.

How does AC Cycling work?

A ComEd representative will install a direct load control (DLC) switch, either on the side of your home or directly on the air conditioner's compressor panel.

The DLC switch allows ComEd to remotely cycle the compressor off and on during a cycling event. However, the fan will continue to circulate already cooled air.

Typically, you will be notified before your air conditioner is cycled — except for extreme cases (i.e. unforeseen high electricity demand) in which there isn't enough time to alert customers before a cycling event.

Your credit will appear in the "Taxes & Fees" section of your bill, under the heading "AC Interruption Option Credit." Additional notes:

- If you have multiple central units, the device must be installed on each unit for you to receive the \$10 a month credit.

Details on AC Cycling Program

Time	Any day of the week (from May 1 – Oct. 31), between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Unit Cycles Off	Up to 12 hours for a full air conditioning interruption, (i.e. turns air conditioner off).
Bill Credit	\$10 credit per month, per household, June through September (\$40 per year).

- Load Guard, which was an optional program for AC Cycling customers who also participated in Hourly Pricing, has been discontinued.
- AC Cycling has discontinued its Nest Thermostat option. If you have a Nest, but still are interested in participating in the AC Cycling Program, ask ComEd about other program options.

Who is eligible for Central AC Cycling?

You must have central air conditioning and you must own your home.

If you have an alternative electric supplier, you are still eligible to sign up for this program.

Central AC Cycling participants are not eligible for the Peak Time Savings program, but are eligible for Hourly Pricing. (CUB has separate fact sheets on these programs, if you'd like more information).

When can I sign up?

You can sign up at anytime. It's ideal to do so before the June-September period in which you would receive credits. If you join in the summer, you will receive a credit prorated for the month in which you sign up, and full credits thereafter.

Where can I learn more?

For a list of frequently asked questions, visit: [ComEd.com/ACCycling](https://www.comed.com/ACCycling). For additional questions, email ACCyclingProgram@comed.com or call ComEd's support line (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at 630-437-3195.