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Dear Residents,

As we are preparing for the summer months, we want to help you stay comfortable and avoid unexpected utility charges. Warmer weather often means increased air conditioning use—which can lead to higher electricity usage. Understanding your utility allowance now can help you stay ahead.

What is Your Utility Allowance?

Each household receives a monthly utility usage according to bedroom size. This is based on average, reasonable electricity use for your unit size and type.

What Happens in the Summer?

- Increased AC use can raise your electricity usage
- If you stay **within your allowance** → No extra charge
- If you go **over your allowance** → You will be charged an overage

What Are Overages?

Overages are **extra charges** when your electricity usage exceeds your allowance. These charges are added to your monthly statement.

Quick Example: (Effective 7/1/2023, the Kilowatt per Hour (KWh) rate for electric service is \$0.11.)

1 Bedroom Kilowatt Allowance:	284
Resident Kilowatt Usage:	300
Resident Overages:	16 (300-284)
Overage Formula Charge:	16 X \$0.11= \$1.76
Total Resident Payment due to HAC:	\$1.76

Tips to Stay Cool & Save Money This Summer

- ✓ Set your thermostat to an energy-efficient temperature
- ✓ Turn off lights and electronics when not in use
- ✓ Use fans to help circulate air
- ✓ Keep blinds/curtains closed during the hottest part of the day
- ✓ Avoid running large appliances during peak heat hours

Important Reminders

- Older or inefficient AC units may use more electricity
- Hot and humid weather increases energy consumption, as the system must work harder to maintain the desired temperature.

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