ComEd Central AC Cycling Program

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**ComEd Central AC Cycling Program Offers Summer Savings**

Homeowners with central air conditioning that enroll in ComEd’s [Central AC Cycling program](https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/CentralACCycling.aspx) may receive up to $40 in bill credits for reducing energy use. This program can be particularly good for those who want to be more mindful of their household’s carbon footprint and reduce stress on the power distribution system during peak times. After signing up for the program, ComEd will install a direct load control (DLC) switch on the side of your home or on the air conditioner’s compressor panel. The switch gives ComEd the ability to turn the compressor off and reduce energy usage during a cycling event. The air conditioner fan may stay on to circulate already cooled air and keep your home comfortable.

Cycling is only done when needed. The cycling events may occur any day of the week from May 1 to October 31 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. On average, ComEd has cycled participants’ central air conditioning units once each summer during the last 10 years. Customers receive bill credits for participating in the program, regardless of the number of cycling days.

Program participants can choose between two options:

1. With the **50% option**, ComEd can turn the air conditioning unit off a maximum of 15 minutes every half hour during a cycling event, for up to 12 hours. Those who sign up for the 50% option will receive a $5 credit per month from June to September, or a total maximum credit of $20 for the year.
2. With the **100% option**, ComEd can control the air conditioning unit for up to 12 hours during a cycling event or can choose to cycle the air off and on every 15 minutes like the 50% cycling option. Participants that enroll in the 100% option will receive a $10 credit per month from June to September, for a maximum savings of $40. The 100% option is not recommended if someone is at home all day or has a medical condition.

To enroll in the program, visit [ComEd’s Central AC Cycling webpage](https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/CentralACCycling.aspx) or call 800-986-0070. If you have questions regarding the program, please email ComEd at [AcCyclingProgram@exeloncorp.com](mailto:AcCyclingProgram@exeloncorp.com) or call the ComEd Central AC Cycling support line at 630-437-3195.

Please note that ComEd customers cannot enroll simultaneously in Central AC Cycling and Peak Time Savings.