

Get out and Enjoy MI!!

It's July and summer is in full swing. Check out all the fun things going on in our state!

Traverse City National Cherry Festival, July 2-9, 2022! This year, see the U.S. Navy Blue Angels perform, Boyz II Men, Sheryl Crow, ZZ Top, classic car shows, midway, Cherry Pancake Breakfast, parades, cherry farmers market and so much more! So many things to do in Michigan in July!

Art In The Park, Plymouth, Michigan. This Plymouth Mi Art Fair is July 8-10, 2022. A signature Michigan event, Art In The Park welcomes over 400 artists with fabulous paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, glass, woodwork, photography, folk art & much more. Friday 11:00 - 8:00 p.m. , Saturday 10:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Thunder over Michigan Air Show. July 16 & 17, 2022. There will be two Drive-Up shows per day; a morning and an afternoon show. Each Show requires its own Drive-Up Car Pass. Bring chairs! Amazing performances by the USN Blue Angels and a Special Warbird Salute! Not to mention the dozens of static and flight teams during all four shows! Buy your tickets early.

Ann Arbor Art Fair, July 21-23, 2022. Outstanding art show that is actually 4 fairs. We have gone to this show every year for around 12 years! Crazy hot but crazy good! It's one of our favorite July Michigan events!

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First up is a remodel of home in Ann Arbor Hills. Look at the beautiful transformation!!



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8 Ways to Lower Your Electricity Bill This Summer

1. Turn off your AC when its not needed.

Turning your AC off while you're sleeping can result in huge savings. Even adjusting the temperature before you leave your house (assuming nobody will be home) will yield savings. In the summer, the thermostat should be set no lower than 78°F to 80°F. For every degree the thermostat is raised, 4% to 8% can be saved on cooling costs.

2. Use a programmable thermostat.

A programmable thermostat is a very energy-efficient tool. It allows you to program what hours your home will be vacant and when you will be asleep. During those times, it will adjust the temperature of your home accordingly. This removes the hassle of constantly adjusting your thermostat and the dread of coming home to a scorching house.

3. Switch to ENERGY STAR appliances

The ENERGY STAR is an accolade given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to a product that meets the rigorous energy-efficiency guidelines set forth by the U.S. government in order to reduce greenhouse emissions. An ENERGY STAR certified room air conditioner uses about 15% less energy than non-certified models.

4. Check for thorough home insulation

Air leakage occurs when air from the outside enters and conditioned air leaves your house through cracks and openings. Although you may not notice it, this makes it harder and more expensive for you to ventilate your home. Reducing the flow of air leaking in and out of your home is a cost-effective way to cut the price of cooling and maximize the functionality of your air conditioning system. Caulking and weatherstripping are the two most simple and effective air-sealing techniques that offer quick ROI's.

5. Clean your AC vents and units.

In order for an air conditioning unit to function efficiently, its filters, coils, and fins must be maintained regularly. Simply put: a clean air conditioner is an effective one. The most crucial piece of maintenance that will ensure the maximization of your air conditioner is routinely replacing or cleaning its filters. Clogged and dirty filters block normal airflow and reduce a system's efficiency significantly. Dirt and debris in the unit will obstruct airflow and possibly impair the evaporator. Replacing a dirty, clogged filter with a clean one can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5% to 15%.

6. Turn on your ceiling fan.

A ceiling fan is a great tool to use alongside your air conditioner. A ceiling fan will cool the room by approximately 4 degrees, allowing you to then turn the thermostat down accordingly. If the climate permits, you can even eliminate air conditioning altogether by solely using a fan.

7. Take advantage of natural ventilation.

If you live in a climate where there are cool nights or regular breezes, take advantage of it. Eliminate electricity usage altogether by opening windows when it cools down outside.

8. Block the sun with blinds and drapes.

Window treatments or coverings don't just decorate your home, they can also help you save energy. Some carefully selected window treatments can prevent your house from heating up under the summer sun. There are two options for window treatments: blinds and drapes. When fully pulled down and closed over a window with a lot of sun exposure, blinds can reduce heat gain by up to 45%. During summer days, you can close draperies on windows receiving direct sunlight to prevent heat gain as well. Drapes can reduce heat gain by 33%.



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Next up is this great custom built Chelsea Bungalow!



Finally, check out this custom built Craftsman in Crooked Lake!

