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Lower electricity bills expected this summer

Most U.S. households are expected to see lower electricity bills this summer compared to last year as a decline in electricity demand due to milder weather will offset higher retail power prices.

In its new monthly forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said the average residential electricity bill for the upcoming summer cooling season which runs from June through August is expected to be \$410. That's down 2.7% from last summer.

Electricity prices are expected to be up 2.4% on average nationwide higher in all regions of the country except in the New England states.

Still, consumers are likely to see lower electricity bills because they are expected to use about 5% less electricity as temperatures won't be as hot as last summer based on government weather forecasts. However, actual temperatures can vary significantly from initial forecasts.

Almost nine out of every ten U.S. households use some form of air conditioning.

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