

# Highlights of the 2009 ComEd Residential Real-Time Pricing Program Summer Readiness Workshops

## ComEd RRTP Participants Gather for Summer Workshops

This June, ComEd Residential Real-Time Pricing program participants and other area residents gathered to learn about managing household energy costs during the summer. Nearly 100 people attended the workshops, which took place in Chicago, Elgin, Aurora, Evanston, Park Forest and Chicago Ridge. The workshops began with an overview of the RRTP program and a discussion of the summer real-time price patterns. Then presenters outlined strategies for shifting electricity usage to off-peak times, for example cooking large meals on the weekend so leftovers can be quickly reheated during the week. Topics also included opportunities to become more energy-efficient in general, such as unplugging appliances and cell phone chargers that are not in use. Each session ended with questions from the audience and a chance for ComEd RRTP participants to talk with presenters and each other about their experiences with the RRTP program.

For a summary of the energy saving-tips presented, refer to your ComEd RRTP Summer Energy Guide ([www.thewattspot.com/pdf/RRTP\\_Summer\\_Energy\\_Guide2009.pdf](http://www.thewattspot.com/pdf/RRTP_Summer_Energy_Guide2009.pdf)). Below you'll find links to Web sites that provide information about some of the other topics that participants asked about during the workshops. We hope this information will help you in your efforts to use energy wisely this summer.

## Resources for Saving Energy

### Energy Efficiency Incentives

- ComEd's Smart Ideas<sup>SM</sup>: [www.ComEd.com/SmartIdeas](http://www.ComEd.com/SmartIdeas)
- Tax Incentives Assistance Project: [www.energytaxincentives.org](http://www.energytaxincentives.org)
- Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency: [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org)
- U.S. DOE, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: [www1.eere.energy.gov/financing/consumers.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/financing/consumers.html)

### Energy Efficient Appliances and other Products

- ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup>: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

### General Energy Efficiency Resources

- USDOE, Energy Savers: [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)
- USDOE, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov)
- American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy: [www.aceee.org](http://www.aceee.org)
- Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance: [www.mwalliance.org](http://www.mwalliance.org)

### Home Energy Audits

- USDOE, Energy Savers: [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)
- ComEd: [www.comed.com/homesavings/energyanalyzer](http://www.comed.com/homesavings/energyanalyzer)
- Illinois Association of Energy Raters: [www.ilenergyraters.org](http://www.ilenergyraters.org)