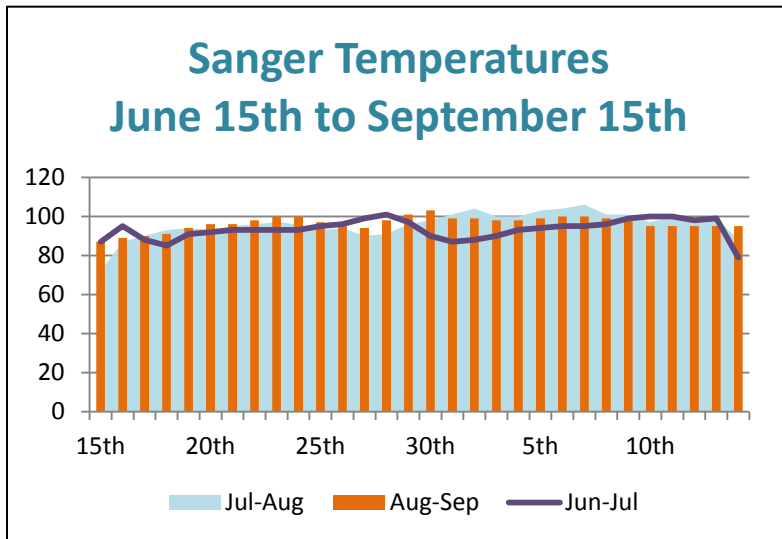


City of Sanger Energy Saving Tips

The City of Sanger usually reads meters between the 15th and 20th of each month. When we read meters in September, we will send the bills on October 1st. By the time you receive that bill, temperatures are expected to be much cooler. Yet, your utility bill will be for the middle of August to the middle of September. As the chart shows, those temperatures are expected to be as hot as it has been since summer hit North Texas in mid-June.



PLANT TREES

Trees are a natural solution for energy-efficient changes. Planting trees in the right place can reduce home heating and cooling costs by 20 percent. Trees should be planted 35 feet from your house and 25 feet from power lines. Plant trees that lose their leaves (deciduous trees). They will shade your house in summer, and help warm your home in winter by letting light through. Check out this website for more about trees
<http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/ViewAllTrees.aspx>.



- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees in summer and 68 degrees in winter. Adjust the temperature by no more than 5 degrees while you're at work.
- Keep air vents open to increase circulation and use fans to cool your home.
- Have your A/C and heating system serviced twice a year (during spring and fall).
- Clean or replace air filters once a month.
- Insulating your attic can reduce your heating and cooling needs up to 30 percent
- Install compact fluorescent light bulbs. They use approximately 70 percent less energy than an incandescent bulb and last up to 10 times longer.
- Air dry clothes and dishes and use sunlight to illuminate your home. It's free!

