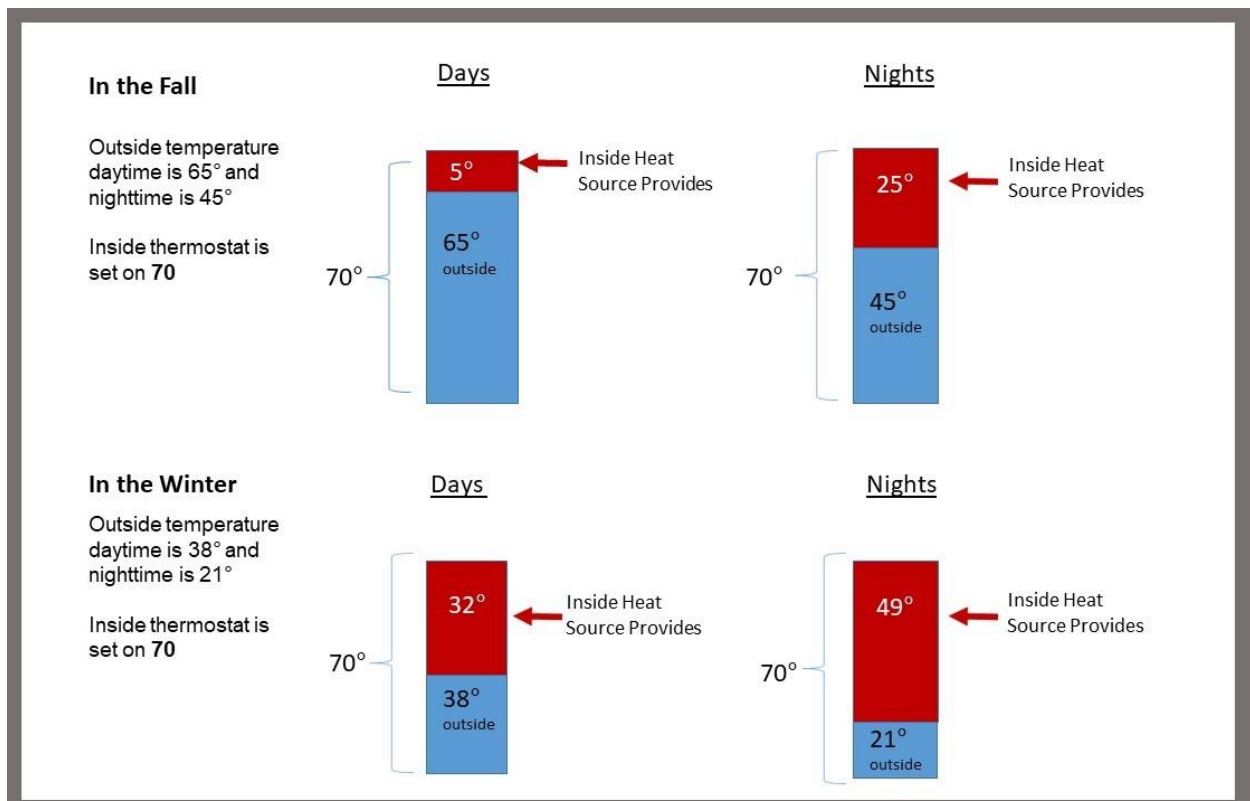


Winter is here. Shorter days, colder temps, higher bills – oh my!

We hear it a lot, “I haven’t done anything any differently, and my thermostat is at the same temperature, but my bill is much higher than last month.”

Although not every day is extremely cold, in the winter your heater is working overtime to keep your home comfortable. That’s because there’s usually a big difference in the temperature outside and the setting on your thermostat. (Especially when the sun goes down.)

Think about it this way: On a winter morning, it may be a brisk 32 degrees outside one morning. To keep your home comfortable, you set the thermostat at 70 degrees. That’s a difference of 38 degrees between the temperature outside and the temperature your home is trying to reach. Such a big difference will likely cause the heat to stay on longer, and turn on more frequently, to keep your home warm.



According to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), the average American household pays [an average price of 13.12 cents per kWh](#). The average cost per kilowatt hour (kWh) in Tennessee is 10.5 cents.

Morristown Utilities cost per kWh is 9.2cents (rates effective as of October 1, 2018).

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