Summer Ready DC
Home Check List

Exterior
☑ Check to make sure there is no pooling water around your foundation
☑ Have roof inspection for missing or loose shingles
☑ Inspect the clean gutters and downspouts
☑ Ensure home is properly sealed by caulking around doors and windows, if necessary
☑ Switch storm windows to screens
☑ Turn on water supply to outside faucets
☑ Touch up paint
☑ Trim trees and shrubbery
☑ Repair and stain deck
☑ Spray around foundation, windows and doors with preventative insecticide

Interior
☑ Have air conditioner serviced
☑ Find and eliminate any leaks or gaps using caulking and/or weather stripping around windows and/or doors
☑ Spray around baseboards, doors and windows with preventative insecticide
☑ Clean or replace air filters, monthly
☑ Clear obstacles to AC vents so air can freely flow
☑ Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
☑ Charge the battery backup for landline telephones
☑ Clean dryer filter regularly
☑ If you have a basement, check for cracks and leaks
☑ Make sure you know where the shut-off switch is for water, gas and electric

Recommended Tips to Help Reduce Energy Costs
☑ Use a programmable thermostat to raise temperatures at night or when you leave home
☑ Use energy efficient light bulbs
☑ If you have ceiling fan’s change fan’s direction
☑ In older homes, insulate the attic
☑ Consider budget billing to spread heating costs throughout the year