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## How to save money cooling your home this summer

As summer temperatures – and utility bills – rise, there are some easy ways to keep cool that are cheaper and greener than air conditioning.

A little savvy about when to open windows and when to keep them closed with curtains drawn goes a long way toward cooling a home, as does putting thought into what cooling appliances to use and when, the experts say.

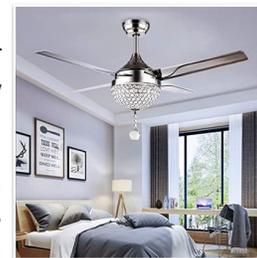
**COOLING CURTAINS:** Pull down the shades or draw the curtains on windows facing south, east and west during the day, says Con Edison, which provides power to New York City and surrounding areas. It says 40 per cent of unwanted heat comes in through the windows. Even if air conditioning is needed later in the day, drawing the curtains earlier means you can use less of it.

**GET IN THE FLOW:** When outdoor temperatures fall below 70 degrees, turn off the air conditioner and opening the windows instead.

In climates with low to moderate humidity, where it's cold in the evening, a "whole-house" fan to help draw cool air in through windows and force hot air out through upstairs vents is extremely helpful, Daken said. "A cheaper version is to open the windows and use the bathroom fan for exhaust, especially if there's no cross breeze," she said. "This helps create some flow."

**BE A FAN OF FANS:** Ceiling fans are a great substitute for air conditioning when it's not overly hot or humid, and they make you feel cooler by moving air across your skin.

Also, many ceiling fans feature a light kit, so make sure each socket has an energy-saving LED bulb inside. LED bulbs use five times less energy than the old incandescent kind and don't give off as much heat.



[Full Article: [www.globalnews.ca](http://www.globalnews.ca)]

## Community Events in Durham

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238 High Street, Bowmanville

## Market Watch

GTA REALTORS® Release May 2020 Stats

Toronto Regional Real Estate Board President Michael Collins announced that Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported 4,606 sales through TRREB's MLS® System in May 2020. This result was down by 53.7% compared to May 2019. While the number of sales was down substantially on a year-over-year basis due to the continued impact of COVID-19, the decline was less than the 67.1% year-over-year decline reported for April 2020.

For full Market Report, visit [www.LouisBradica.com](http://www.LouisBradica.com)

## Summary of Home Transactions in Durham Region

	New Listings	Active Listings	Avg. Sold Price	Avg. Days on Market
Durham Region	1,138	1,149	99%	22
Ajax	139	111	100%	21
Brook	31	42	98%	40
Clarington	227	240	98%	23
Oshawa	312	270	100%	19
Pickering	159	190	99%	21
Scugog	44	75	94%	56
Uxbridge	40	63	97%	41
Whitby	186	158	98%	22



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### Featured Recipe >>> Broccoli Salad

With summer time BBQ's just around the corner (while practicing safety measures of course) I thought why not share a family favorite side dish that is low in calories and a nice fresh bite! We have a construction project that is nearly complete happening in my backyard so I see many evenings being spent back there soon.

**Stay well and Happy BBQ'ing!**

#### Ingredients

- ◆ 1 cup light mayonnaise
- ◆ 1/3 cup sugar
- ◆ 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- ◆ 1 tsp celery seed
- ◆ 2 heads broccoli broken down into small florets
- ◆ 12 oz bacon cooked and chopped into small pieces
- ◆ 1/2 cup almonds toasted, slivered
- ◆ 2 green onions thinly sliced
- ◆ 1 cup celery chopped
- ◆ 1 1/2 cups red seedless grapes halved



#### Instructions

- ◆ Whisk together mayonnaise, sugar, red wine vinegar, and celery seed in a small bowl. Place in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.
- ◆ Combine broccoli, bacon, toasted almonds, green onions, celery and grapes in a large serving dish. (I omit the celery, but to each their own)
- ◆ To toast almonds, place on a large baking sheet and bake at 350F for 3-5 minutes stirring in between. Do not walk away! They will burn easily. The almonds are toasted when they turn light brown.
- ◆ Toss the dressing with the rest of the salad ingredients and stir.
- ◆ Dressing can be added at the last minute if desired.

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