

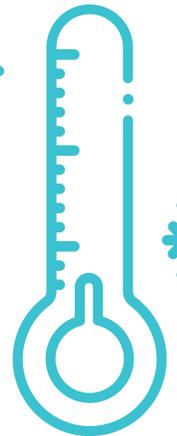
# SUMMER ESSENTIALS FOR A GREATER PALM SPRINGS GETAWAY



## Come prepared

Don't forget sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and bug spray. Depending on the amount of rain and humidity, the desert does get mosquitos, flies, and other bugs.

## Bring your food and drinks cold from home or get them at a local grocery store



If you fill an empty refrigerator with room-temperature food and drinks, it can take up to 6-8 hours to cool everything down. Opening the door frequently to check the temp can make cooling take even longer. Bring your food and drinks cold in a cooler, or buy them cold at a local grocery store to give the fridge a break and start enjoying your refreshments poolside faster.



## Stay cool indoors

When the temps top triple digits in the summer, it's important to use the A/C properly so you don't end up with a broken A/C during your stay.

**DO NOT set the A/C lower than 78 degrees.** Setting it lower will not make the house cooler and may freeze over the condenser, leaving you without A/C for at least 24 hours.

To get the most out of your A/C and keep the house cool:

- Keep doors, windows, blinds, and curtains closed
- Use ceiling fans and room fans for air circulation
- Avoid baking or cooking inside during the hottest parts of the day

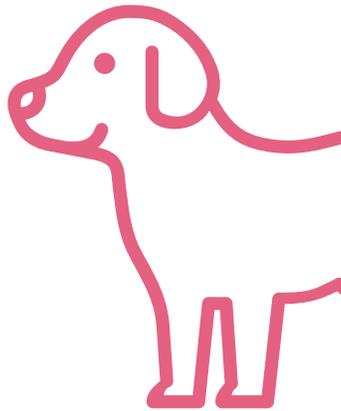


## Be car smart: Never leave pets or children in a parked car

The temperature inside your car will skyrocket in the summer. NEVER leave pets or children in a parked car. Do not leave any temperature-sensitive items in your car like chapstick, lotion, hand sanitizer, electronic devices, etc. Use a reflective window shade when parking your car outside.

### Hot dogs are not cool

NEVER leave pets alone in the car. Not only is it illegal — California Penal Code 597.7 prohibits leaving an animal unattended in a car when it endangers the health or well-being of the animal — but the desert's high temperatures can prove fatal within minutes.



#### Additional pet safety tips:

- Walk your pets in the morning or evening to avoid heatstroke and burning footpads on hot asphalt. If the pavement is too hot for you to touch, it's too hot for their paws. Bring dog boots to help protect paw pads.
- Keep pets indoors to reduce UV exposure in the summer and ensure they stay hydrated with access to plenty of water. Ask your vet about using sunscreen to protect their skin, particularly around the nose, ears, eyes, and belly.
- Supervise dogs in and around the pool. Teach them where the steps are and how to get out of the pool, and rinse them with fresh water after their dips to remove chlorine residue from their fur.

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