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'Be Cool' workshops set With more hot weeks ahead, a local initiative is trying to show people there are more ways to stay cool than by turning on the air conditioner. Madison's Environmental Action Team (EnAct) and team sponsor MGE will host free "Be Cool" workshops in Fitchburg and Monona this week.

"One of the interesting things we have to offer is a suggestion to return to some of the simple things we in neighborhoods use to do a long time ago, such as using the stove early in the morning, and getting together to cook outside," said Carrie Scherpelz of the Madison Environmental Group.

The EnAct team approach creates a group of five to 10 households that meet and support each other's conservation goals. Scherpelz said there will be a chance to form or join such teams at the workshops.

The Fitchburg meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road. The Monona meeting will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Monona Public Library, 1000 Nichols Road. For more information, go to www.enactwi.org.