

(really) SIMPLE FIXES

Save dollars and energy: disconnect energy drainers!

Intermittently used electronics, like your computer & TV, the washer & dryer, all use watts even in the standby mode. This is wasted energy which can account for up to one-fourth of your electric bill. UNPLUG!!!

Suggestions to eliminate energy drainers:

- 1- Plug electronics into power strips rather than wall sockets. After turning off the device –switch off the power strip- to prevent standby consumption.
- 2- Unplug charger units- when not in use- for cell phone, cordless phone, PDA, MP3 etc.
- 3- Unplug appliance or electronics that feel warm to the touch when not in use. The warm temperature indicates wasted energy in the form of heat.
- 4- Power up seldom used appliances only when necessary, (ie. the second refrig, it'll save you yearly up to \$100).
- 5- Buying a new computer? A laptop uses half the energy as a desktop. Choose a model which has the Energy Star rating and use up to 70% less energy than a non-certified model.
- 6- Shop: Energy Star. These appliances are energy efficient.

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