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## Beware of Vampires!

An energy vampire is any device or appliance that uses electricity even when it is turned off. It is also called "phantom power." Some examples are:

- Video game consoles, DVRs, VCRs or DVD players
- Cell phone, camera, laptop and MP3 player chargers
- Anything with a standby light or a digital clock, including microwaves and coffee makers
- Anything that turns on instantly with a remote  
Cable and satellite boxes and internet routers
- Digital TV converters
- MP3 or other media players

Turn off your lights and notice all of the red, blue, green or yellow lights that you see. Vampires can cost you nearly 20% of your electric bill.

Unplug any chargers as soon as the device is done charging. Don't leave them to charge overnight, and don't leave the "wall wart" or "brick" charger plugged in when you are not using it. Or you can plug them into a power strip, and turn the power strip off when done charging.

Anything with a built in clock, a standby light or that uses a remote can also be plugged into a power strip. Turn the device off by turning the power strip off. Or just unplug the device after you turn it off.

Some newer electronics, including televisions and computers and computer monitors have energy savings settings. Check the user guide or owner manual to see how to set them for energy savings. Laptops use less energy than desktop computers with monitors, by the way.

Hunt down all the vampires in your home and you'll see a savings on your electric bill. If you are "technology oriented" and good with gadgets, do research on the internet to learn about other ways to save energy and money, and pass the tips along!



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