2009 Residential Environmental Program Series

Your Electric Bill: Take Control

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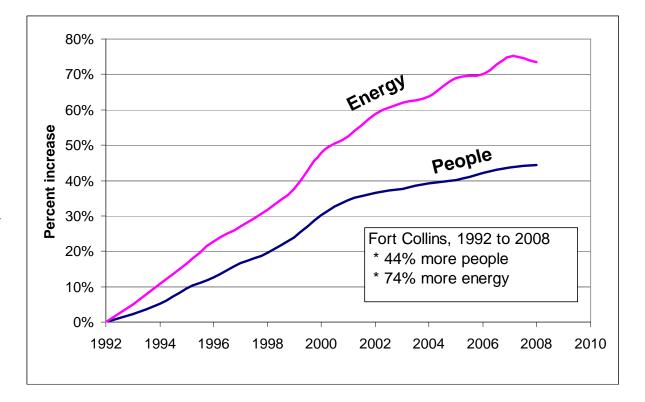
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Why is This Important?

- Your wallet
- Trends
- Energy Policy 2009



More stuff, on more of the time . . .

Goals

- Increase your knowledge and curiosity about your electricity use.
- Provide ideas and tools to help you take more control.
- Empower you to reduce your electrical footprint.

Program

- Understanding your electric bill
- How does your usage stack up?
- Where do those electrons go?

BREAK + DOOR PRIZES

Taking control



Questions as we go

Understanding Your Electric Bill

Did You Bring Your Electric Bill?

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Your City bill includes ALL City of Fort Collins utility services: Electricity Green Energy Stormwater

Wastewater

Water

(and some rebates)

NOT Natural Gas

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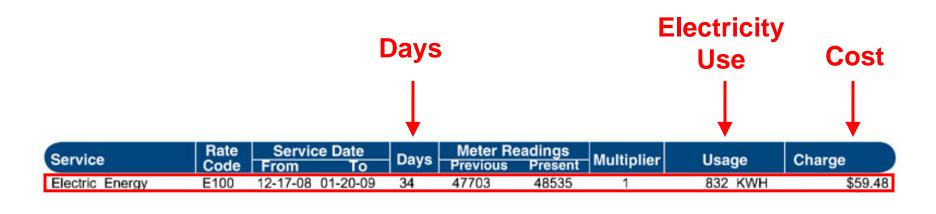
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Monthly Charges

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Monthly Charges



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kWh = kiloWatt-hours

Monthly Bill Calculation

Example: Energy use = 832 kWh for the billing period 2009 Residential Energy Service, R Rate (e.g. E100)

Fixed charge = \$4.02 per month*

Variable charge = energy use x cost per unit of energy = 832 kWh x \$0.06867 per kWh* = \$57.13

Total cost for electricity = \$4.02 + \$57.13 = \$61.15

* These numbers include all fees and taxes

For Another Program . . .

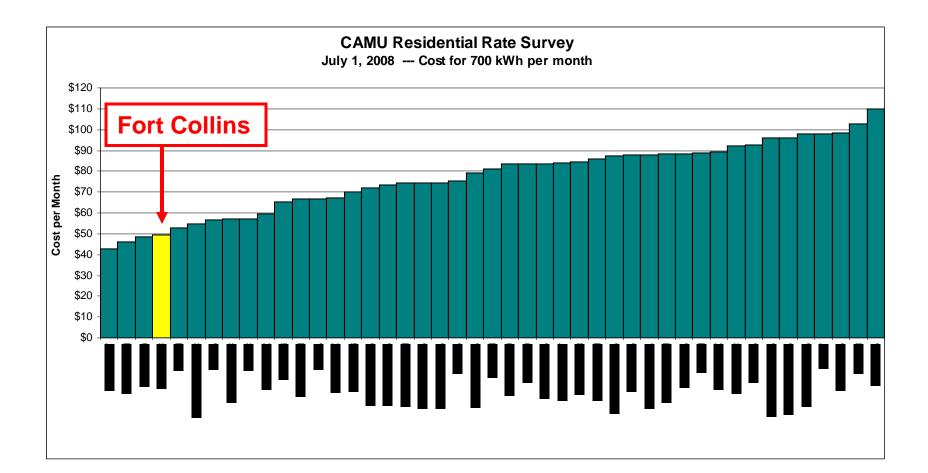
- More details on rate components
- Other residential electric rates
- Green Energy

Want more detail?

www.fcgov.com/utilities "Electric Rate Schedule"

or call Customer Service, 970-212-2900

Colorado Electric Rates



How Does Your Usage Stack Up?

832 kWh

Good? Bad? Fair to middlin'?

Step 1 = Your Usage

kWh/month

Average monthly electric usage

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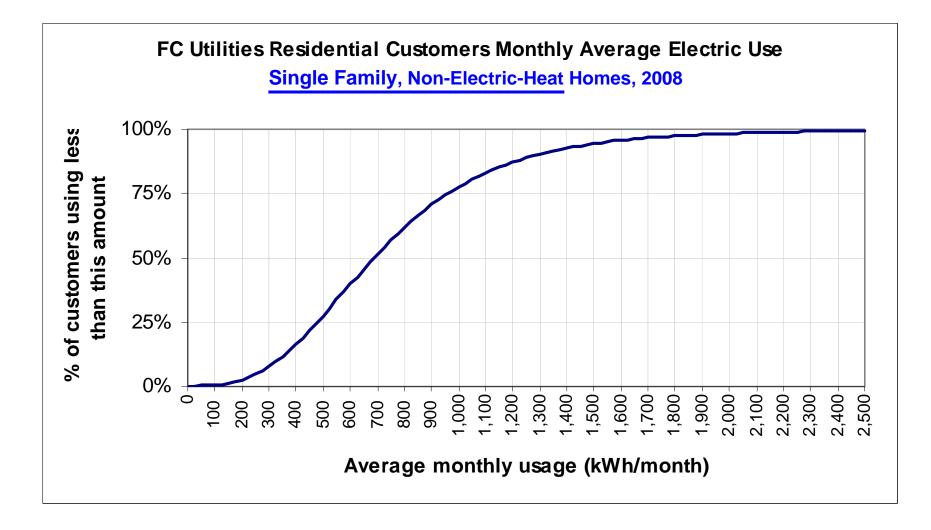
Your Usage

Use in kWh

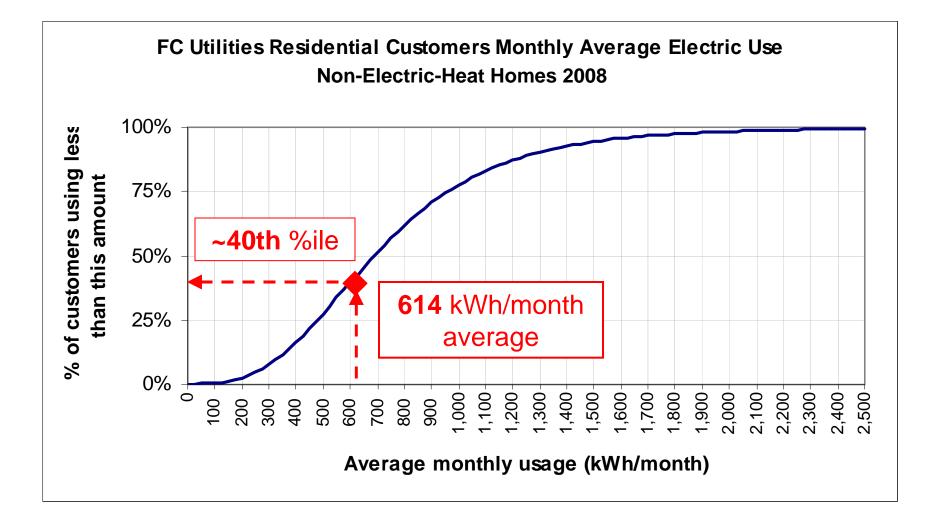
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Monthly average usage = Sum 12 months, divide by 12

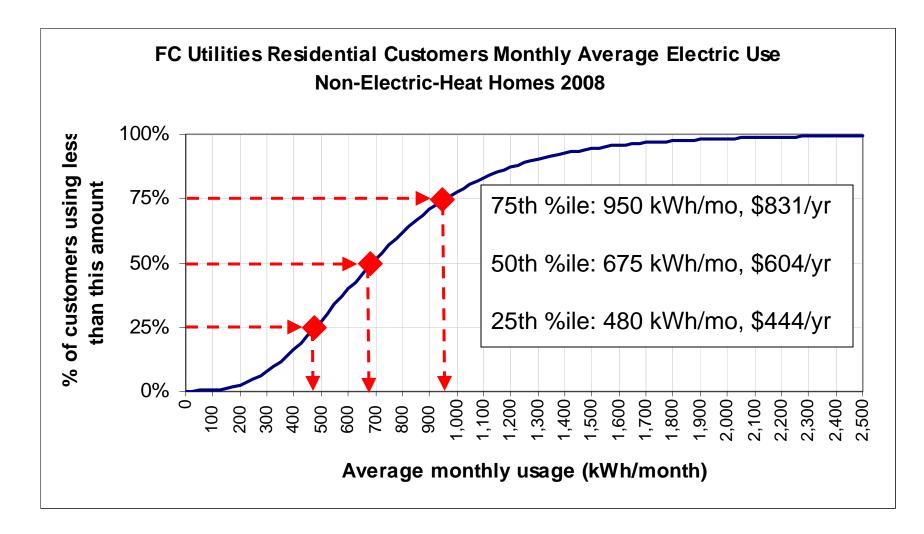
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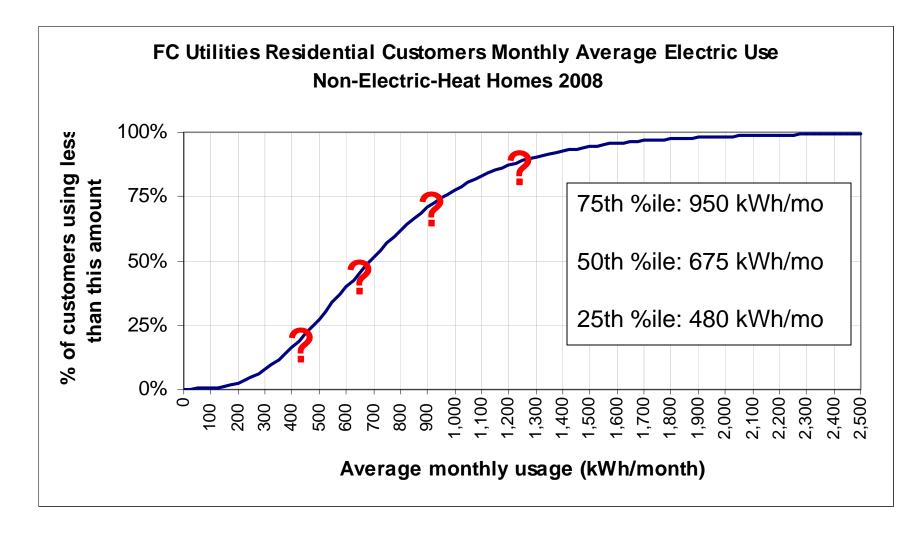
How Your Usage Stacks Up



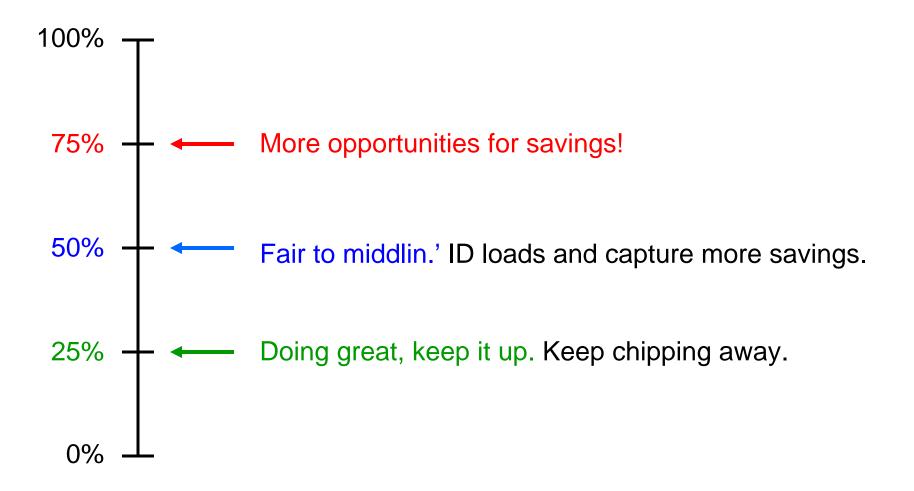
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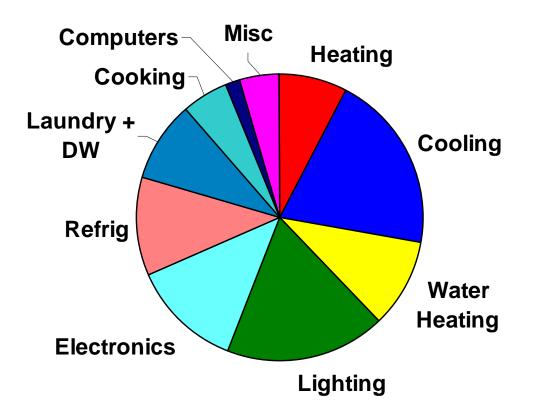


Opportunities



Where Do Those Electrons Go?

Residential Electricity Use



National Data

Buildings Energy Data Book (DOE) Electricity Consumption by End Use

Residential Electricity Use

- Every house is different
- Lifestyles vary
- Fort Collins climate



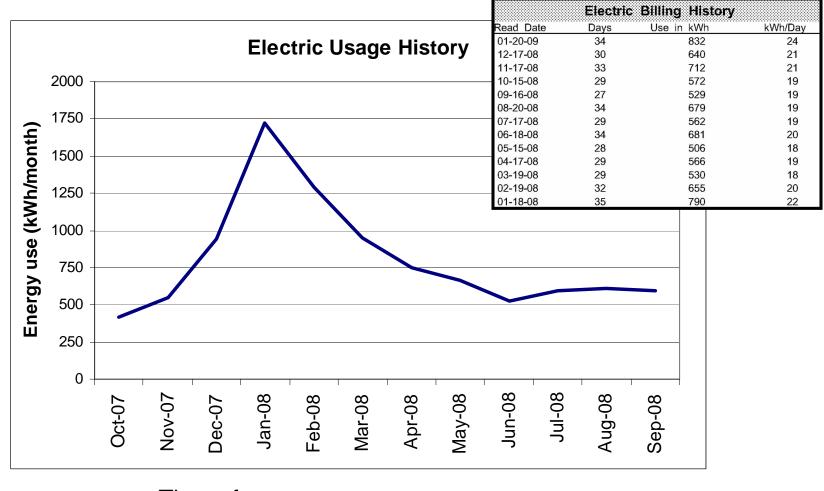


Most important: YOUR house!

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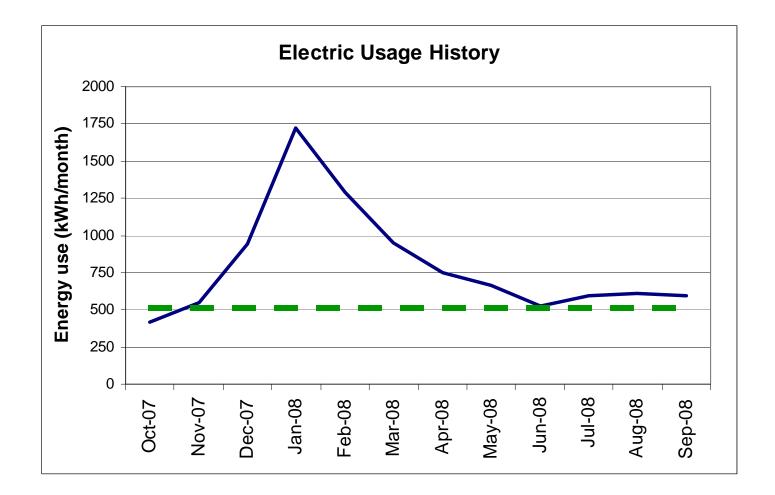
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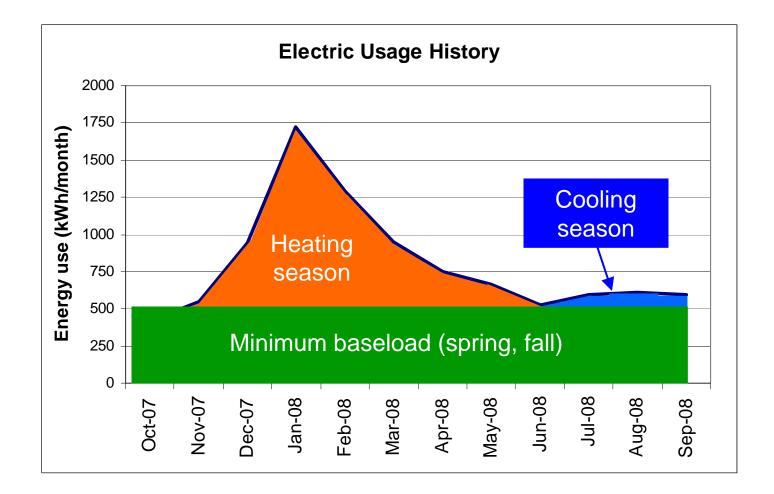


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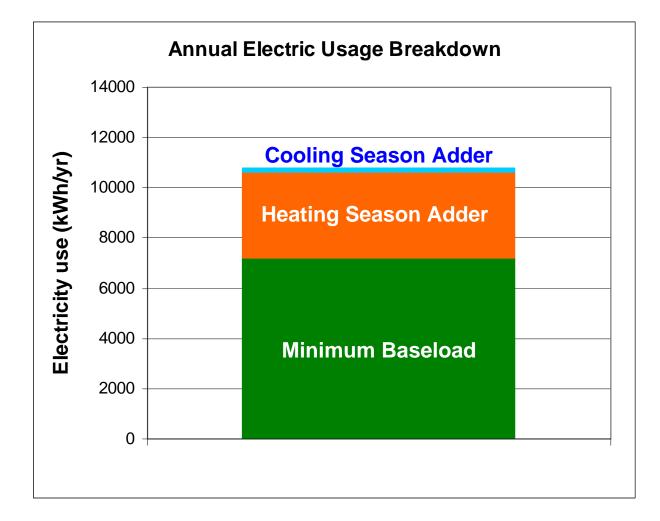
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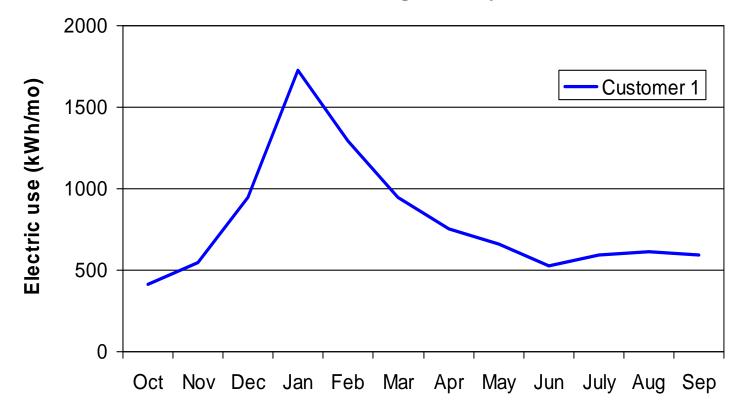


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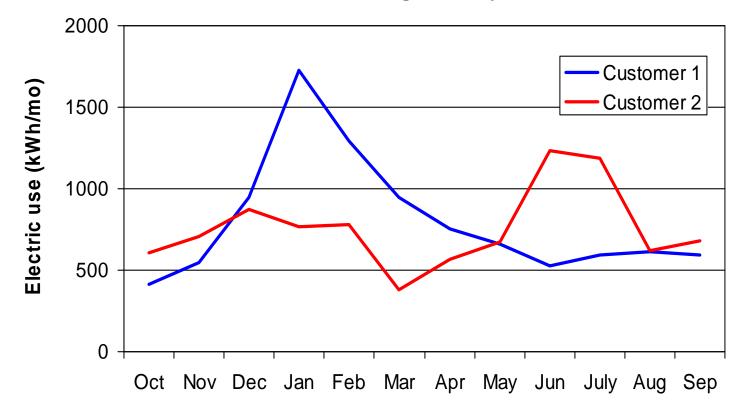
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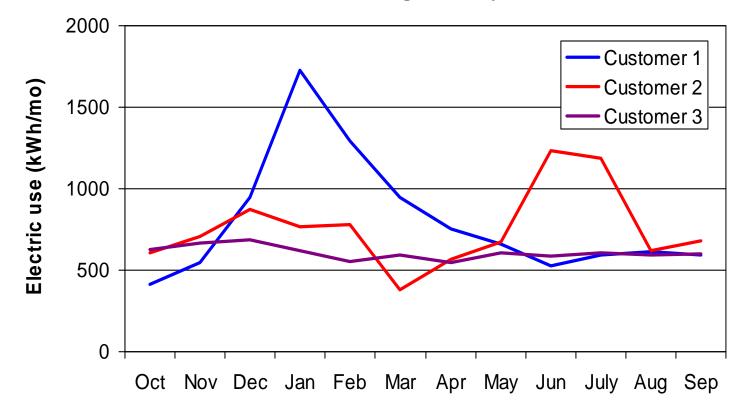
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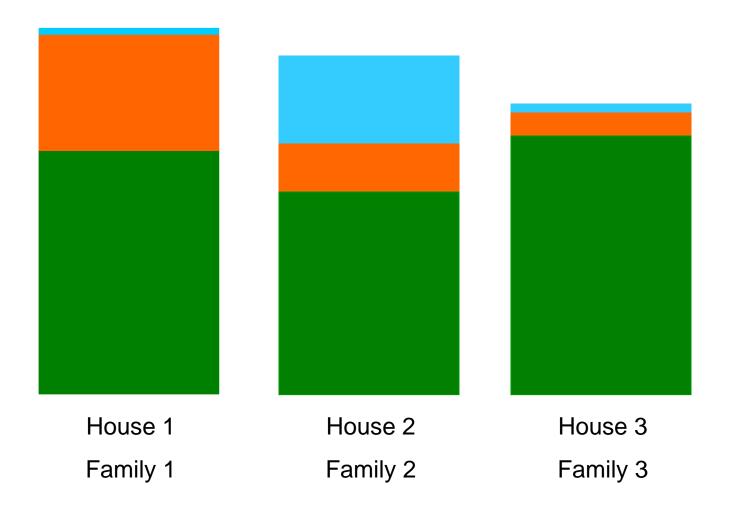


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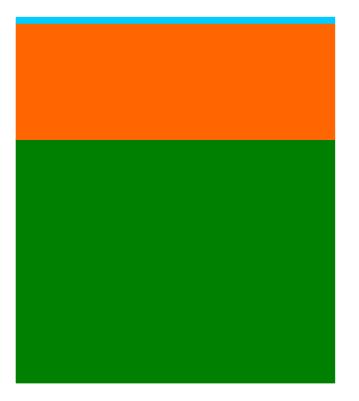
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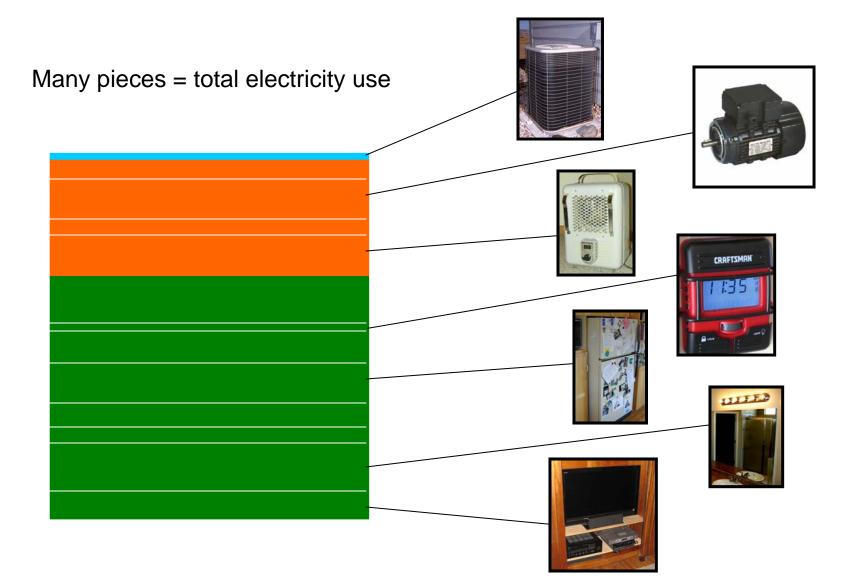
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Second Cut – End Uses



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Typical End Uses: Baseload

Minimum Baseload

Refrigeration Lighting Entertainment Computers Ventilation Laundry Cooking Phantom loads

Typical End Uses: Winter

Heating Season Adder	Air handler fan Electric space heat Increased baseload uses		
Minimum Baseload	Refrigeration Lighting Entertainment Computers Ventilation Laundry Cooking Phantom loads		

Typical End Uses: Summer

Cooling Season Adder	AC compressor Air handler fan Fans Baseload uses: more or less
Minimum Baseload	Refrigeration Lighting Entertainment Computers Ventilation Laundry Cooking Phantom loads

More Tools More Clues

Basic Electricity

Energy Use = Power x Time

Watt-hours = Watts x Hours



<u>kilo</u>Watt-hours = Watt-hours / 1000 kWh

Reminder: 1 kWh costs about 7 cents in FC

Basic Electricity

Example: 100W light bulb, 5 hrs/day

Power = 100 Watts

Time = 150 hrs/month



Energy Use = 100 Watts x 150 hrs/month = 15,000 Watt-hours/month = 15 kWh/mo

Electricity cost: About \$1 per month, \$12 per year

Where to Get the Data?

Guesstimates

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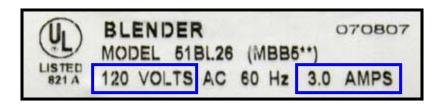
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On-line calculators

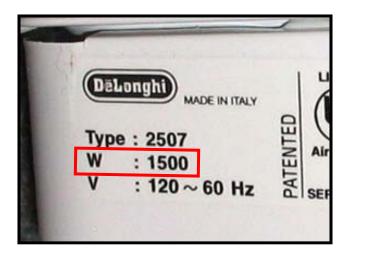
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Labels







A place to start

Different formats

Some more useful than others

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Power		 Furnace = 750 Whole house = 240-750 Hair dryer = 1200-1875 Heater (portable) = 750-1500 Clothes iron = 1000-1800 Microwave oven = 750-1100 Personal computer CPU - awake / asleep = 120 / 30 or less Monitor - awake / asleep = 150 / 30 or less 				

On-Line Calculators

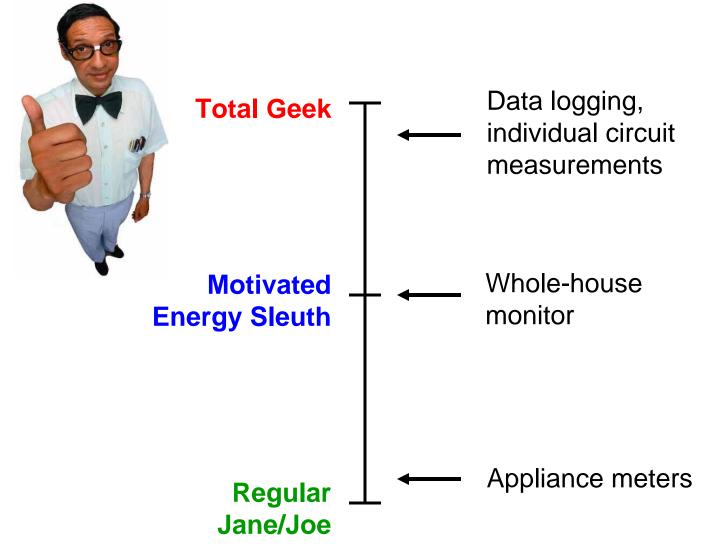
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Power Time

Several options

- Increased accuracy
- Each has appropriate use
- How much do you want to learn?
- Where are you on the Geek Scale?





Appliance meters (\$25 to \$100+)

- Any 120V plug-in appliance
- Instantaneous data (W, V, A)
- Cumulative data (time, kWh)
- Can NOT measure:
 - Hardwired load (furnace, lighting)
 - 240V (stove, electric dryer, AC)



Refrigeration

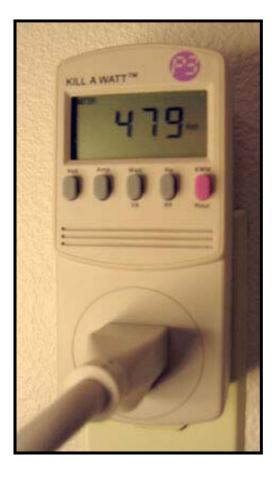
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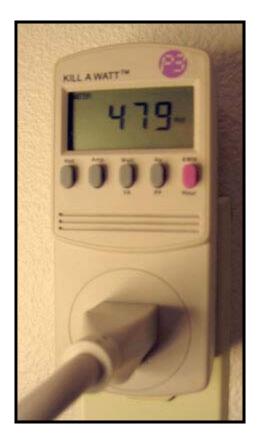
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Appliance	Day	Month	Annual	
Refrigerator	2.0	61	730	
Freezer	1.6	49	584	
Total refrigeration	3.6	110	1314	

Washing machine

# loads	kWh	kWh / load
4	0.67	0.17

	Projected energy use (kWh)			
Typical # loads/wk	Week	Month	Annual	
5	0.8	3.6	44	





Borrow a Kill-A-Watt meter from Fort Collins Utilities: no charge for a week

Power Time

Whole-house displays (\$100-150)

- Instantaneous: W, \$\$/hr
 - Observe daily patterns.
 - See how power changes when an appliance is turned on.
 - See results of changes.
- Cumulative: kWh and \$\$
 - Program rate
 - Manual reset

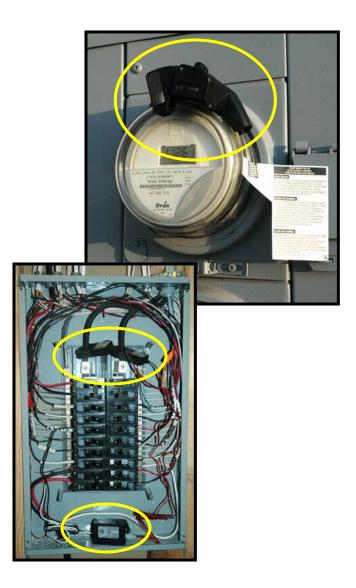






Whole-house displays

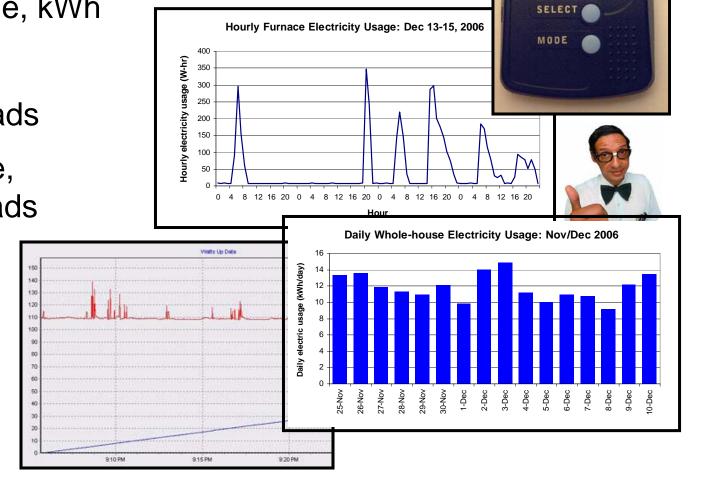
- Good choice for big loads, less useful for small loads
- Some displays log data.
- Installation
 - Clamp-on sensor at meter . . .
 or hardwire into electrical panel (customer or licensed electrician)
 - Clamp-on: most meters, not all
 - NOTIFY Fort Collins Utilities Meter Shop!



Data-logging (\$130 and up)

- Watts vs. time, kWh
- Trends
- Nighttime loads
- Whole house, individual loads
- Big loads, small loads

Power Time



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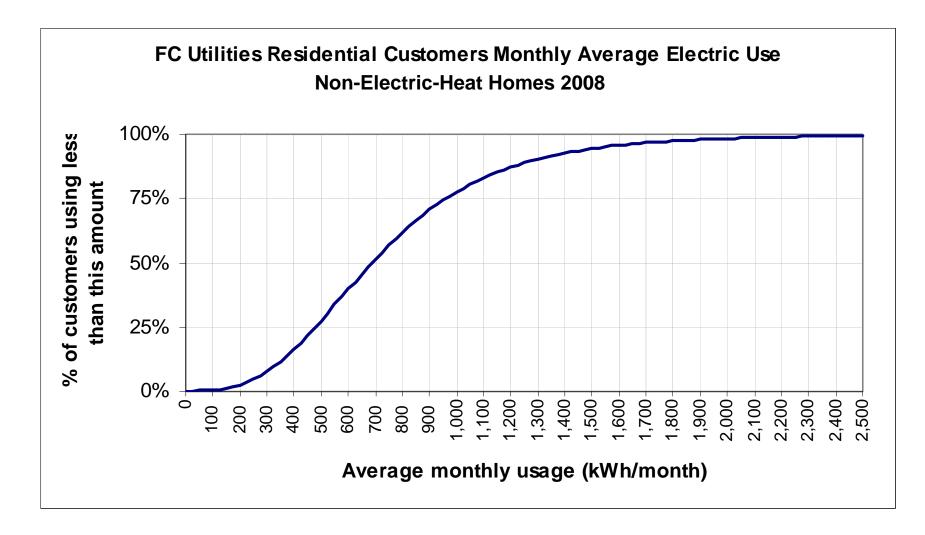
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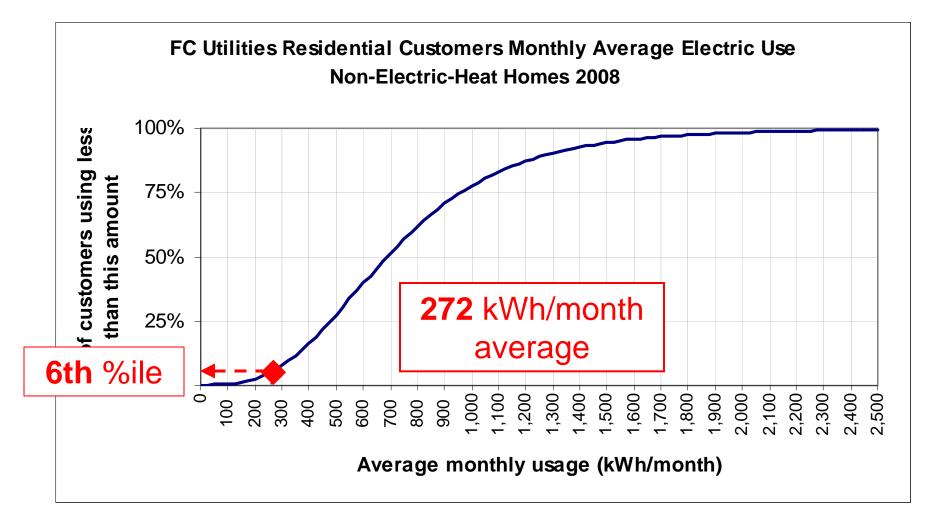
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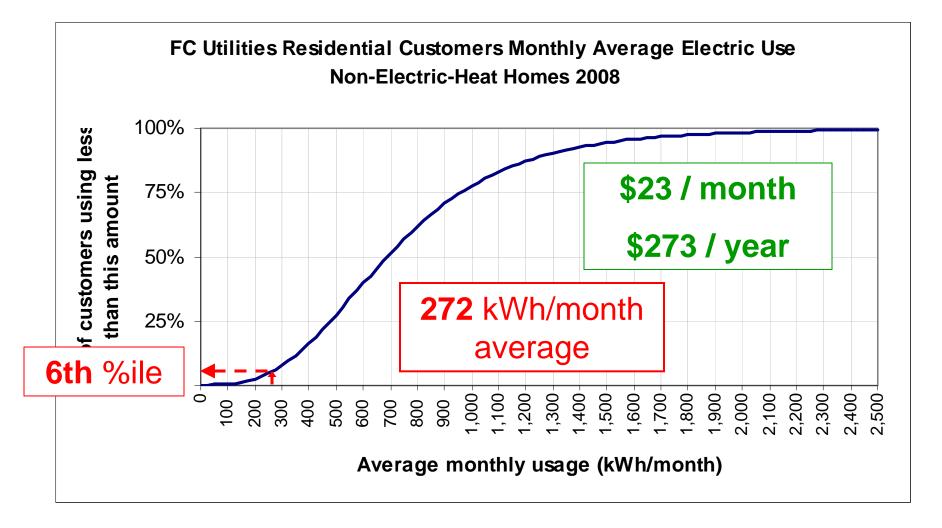
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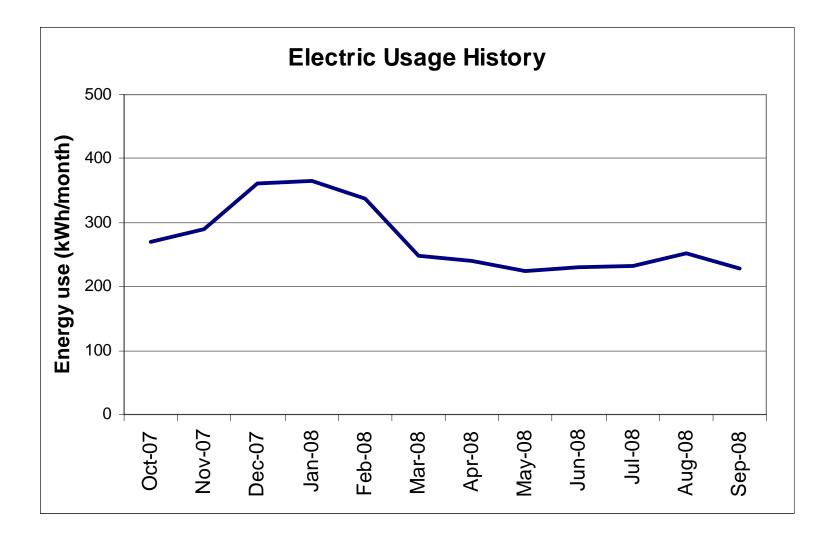
- 2700 sf townhome, built 1996
- Energy-efficient design
- Family of four: parents + two teenage girls
- Not too much electronic stuff
- Energy-conscious lifestyle
- No sacrifices
- Average monthly electric usage 1996-2007: 295 kWh per month 2008: 272 kWh per month

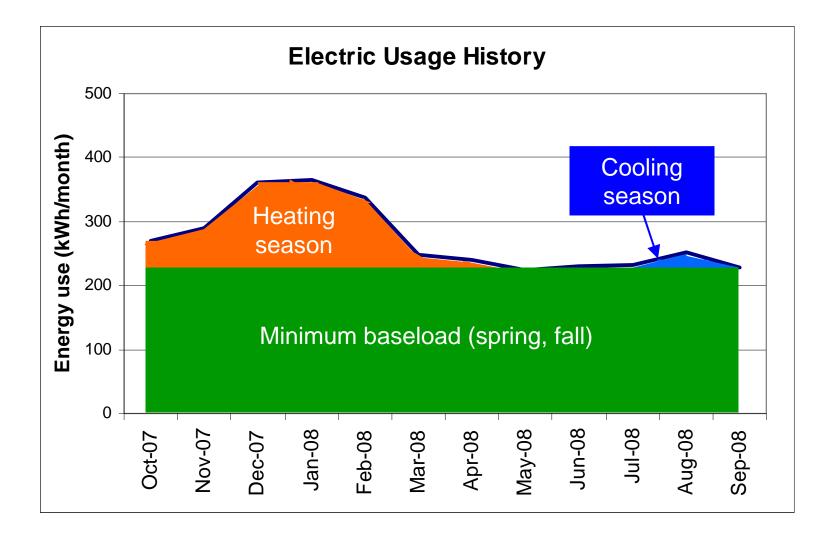
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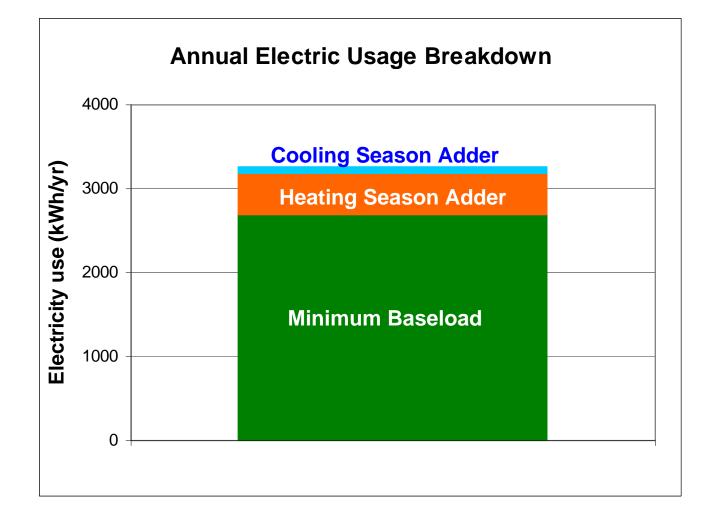


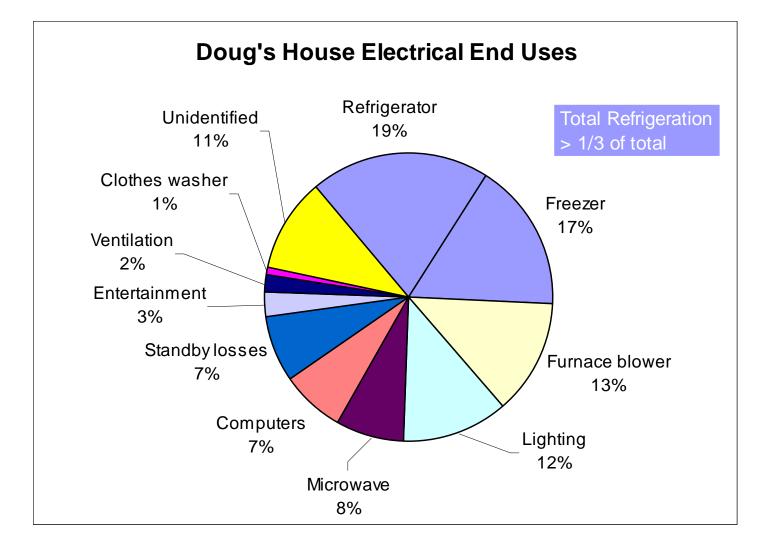


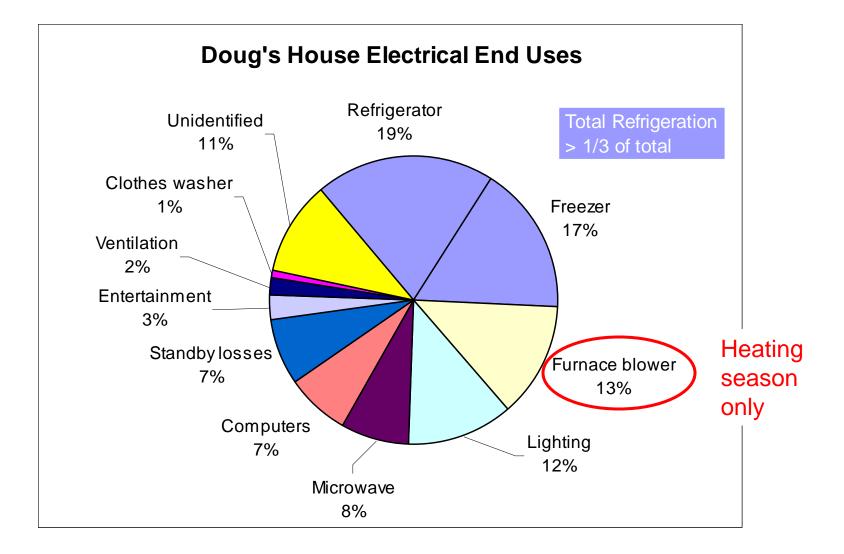












Electrical Use: Taking Control

Big Picture

Big Picture

Your electric usage: It's up to you!

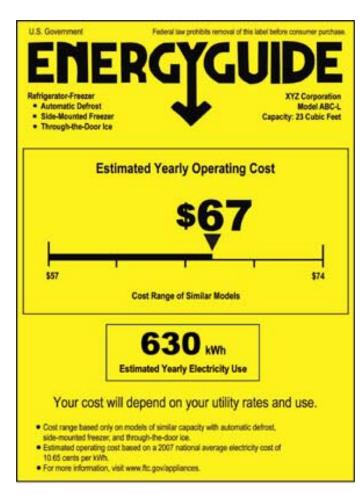
(Your electric utility can help.)

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Useful Information





End Uses

- Refrigeration
- Lighting
- Air handler motor
- Space heating
- Space cooling
- Laundry
- Computing
- Phantom loads

End Use: Refrigeration



- Typically among top users
 - Baseload
 - 24/7 operation
- Fridge #1
- Fridge #2?
- Freezer?
- Kegorator?

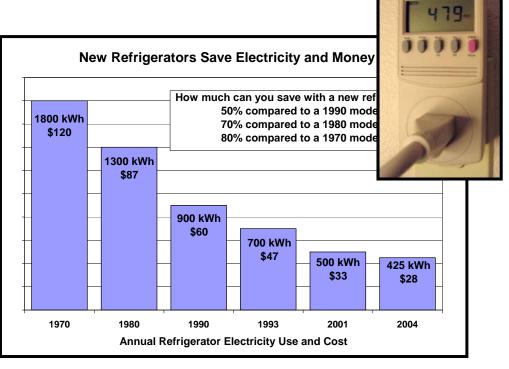


300 W x 8 hrs/day = 72 kWh/mo, \$60/yr

End Use: Refrigeration

Take control

- EE success story
- Appliance meter
- High user: replace
- Fridge #2: unplug
- Recycling: \$35 incentive
- Air flow, condenser coils, gasket, defrost

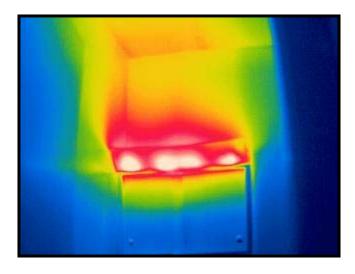




KILL A WATT

End Use: Lighting

- Often 10% to 20% of use
- More during winter
- Electric space heat



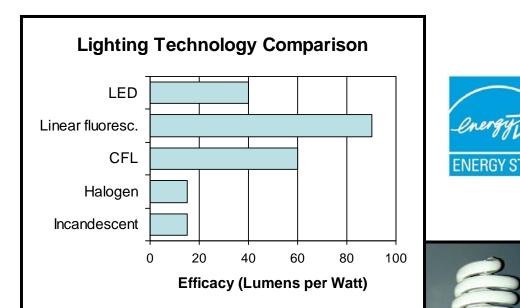


20 sockets x 60 W/socket x 2 hrs/day = 72 kWh/mo, \$60/yr

End Use: Lighting

Take control

- Technology
 - Fluorescent
 - LED
 - Both: longer life







CFL incentives at several FC retailers

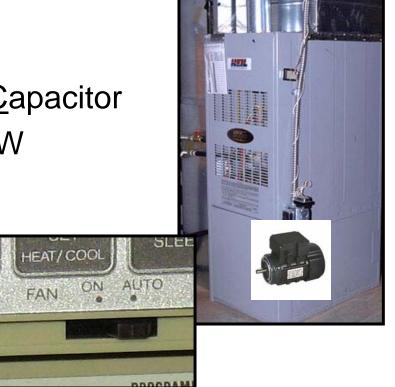
End Use: Lighting



- Task lighting
- Controls
 - Manual
 - Automatic

End Use: Air Handler Motor

- Blower motor
 - Typical = <u>Permanent Split</u> Capacitor
 - 1/3 to 3/4 HP ~ 350 to 750 W
- Energy use
 - Hrs / day: varies
 - Some homes 24/7 (filtration, circulation)



350 W x 6 hrs/day = 64 kWh/mo, \$4.50/mo 750 W x 24 hrs/day = 540 kWh/mo, \$38/mo, \$454/yr

End Use: Air Handler Motor

- Reduce heating + cooling loads
 - Insulation + air sealing
 - Solar gains
- Replacing H/C eqpt: "right-size"
- Replace with efficient motor (Ducts must work with equipment)
- Don't operate PSC motor 24/7





End Use: Space Heating



1500 W x 5 hrs/day = 225 kWh/mo, \$16/mo

End Use: Space Heating

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A8, The Coloradoan, Thursday, February 12, 2009

Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the inve that helps show neat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of Winter rush force household limit of 2

Save maney: only uses about 8¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold

By MARK Wood Universal Media Amdicate (UMS) Ever one hates high heat bills.

But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold. Well now, the bopular HEAT SURGE®

miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing local readers have to do is call the Nationa Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline with their order for the handm de Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone wo does is instantly being awarded the mracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happenin to announce the HEAT SURGE Roll--Glow's Frephace which actually rolls from room-to-room soy ou can turn down our thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone whe gets them first can immediately start wing on their heat bills. Just in time for winter wather, portable Amish encade firepit was are being delivered directly to the dor's of all those who beat the dealline.

These remarkable



"Miracle heater"



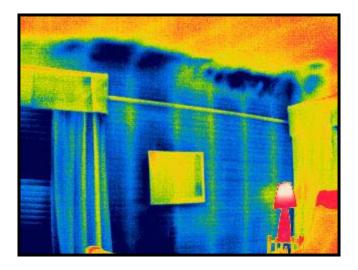
How It Works: The HEAT SURGE miracle heater is a work of engineering genius from the China coast so advanced, you simply plug it into any standard outlet. It uses only about 8¢ of electric an hour on th standard setting, ret, it proof up to an amazing 5,119 BTU's the high setting. So powerful on board hi-tech heat turbine silently forces hot air out into the room from the vent so you feel the bone soothing heat instantly. It even has certification of Underwriters Laboratories coveted UL listing. It also comes with a limited full year replacement or money back warranty plus a 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee.

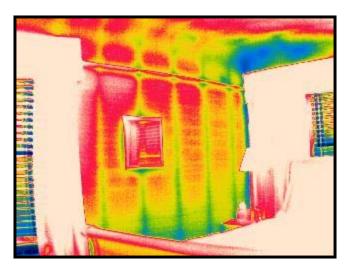


"produces up to an amazing 5,119 BTU'S on the high setting."

(5119 Btu/hr = 1500 W)

End Use: Space Heating





- Space heater may be a smart choice
- Space heater may be treating symptom
 - Why is heater needed?
 - Fix root cause: heat loss, heat distribution
 - Potential year-round benefits



Air conditioning

Three loads:

- Compressor
- Air handler blower motor
- Condenser fan

2000 to 5000 W

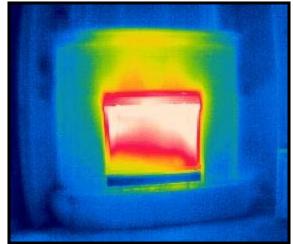
Often not running as designed

3500 W x 5 hrs/day = 525 kWh/mo, \$37/mo

- Keep the heat out
 - Increase insulation
 - Increase shading
 - Reduce internal gains





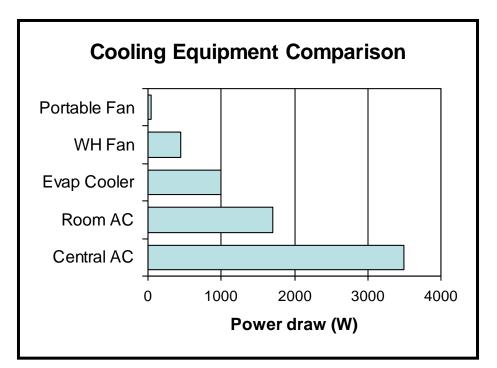


Take control

• Use less energy-intensive cooling strategies





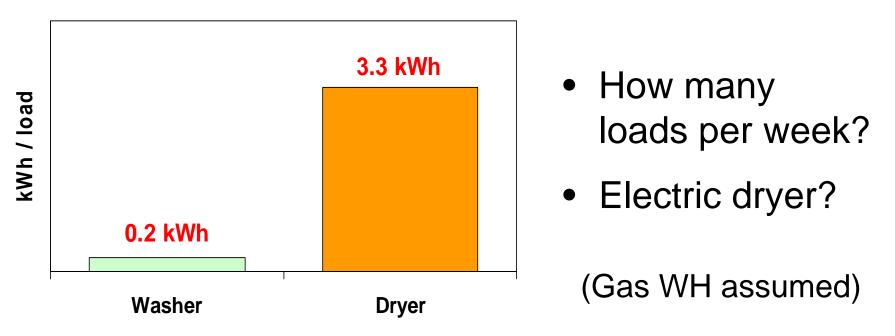


- AC
 - Existing system
 - Get it running right
 - CheckMe!
 - New / replacement system
 - Right-size (Bigger is <u>not</u> better)
 - Commissioning



End Use: Laundry

Laundry: Electricity per Load



4 loads/wk x 3.5 kWh/load = 61 kWh/mo, \$51/yr

End Use: Laundry

- ENERGY STAR washer
 - Less electricity for washer
 - Much less water
 - Much less water heating energy (or use cold water)
 - Much less detergent
 - Extract more water
 - \$50 incentive



End Use: Laundry

- Drying
 - Electric dryer
 - Start with drier clothes
 - Clean vent + lint filter
 - Control with moisture sensor
 - Passive solar clothes dessicator



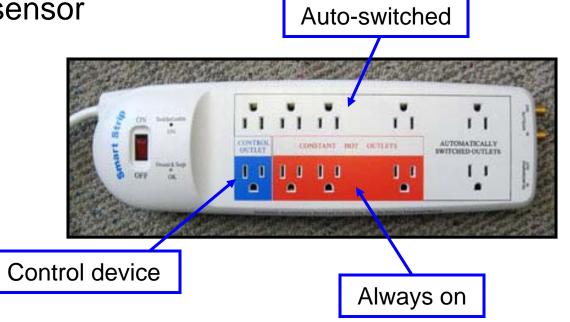


- Computers
- Accessories
 - Monitors
 - Speakers
 - Printers
 - Gaming
 - Network devices
- Power draw: on + "off"

65 W average x 720 hrs/mo = 47 kWh/mo, \$39/yr

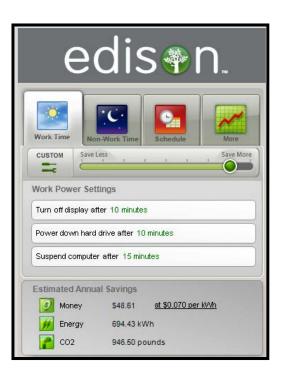
Power draws vary widely

- Turn off when not in use
 - Power strips
 - "Smart" power strips
 - Occupancy sensor



Take control

Power management



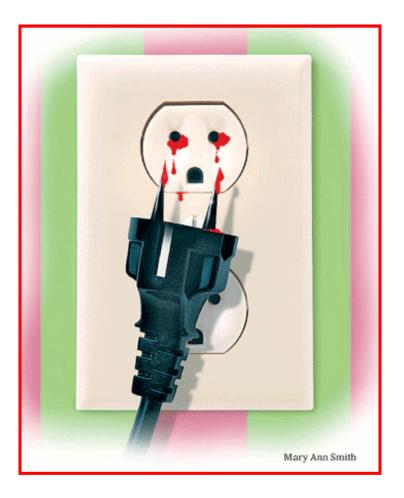
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	Home/Office Desk			
		Save As Delete		
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	Turn off hard disks:	After 10 mins	-	
	System standby:	After 10 mins	-	

Must be enabled to work

Screensaver not power mgmt

- Purchasing: buy efficiency
 - Laptop
 - Power supply efficiency
 - Flat screen LCD monitor
 - ENERGY STAR
 - Research BEFORE you buy





"Watt Suckers"

"Vampire Power"

"Leaking Electricity"

- Electricity used when device is not performing primary function
 - "Off" = "Standby"
 - Transformers / Chargers
 - "Always-on" displays
- 1 to 30 W each, adds up
- Devices proliferating

5% to 10% of home energy use



The Department of Energy estimates that, in the average home, 40 percent of all electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off.

100 W average x 720 hrs/mo = 72 kWh/mo, \$61/yr



These units are turned "off." Why are they producing heat?



Take control

- Do an inventory
- Take some measurements
- Can you turn it off?
 - 10 sec to turn on power strip
 - 1 min to reboot computer
 - 2 hours to reprogram cable box
- Research BEFORE you buy
- ENERGY STAR

(Reduce summer heat gains)





End Use: Other Stuff

The list goes on

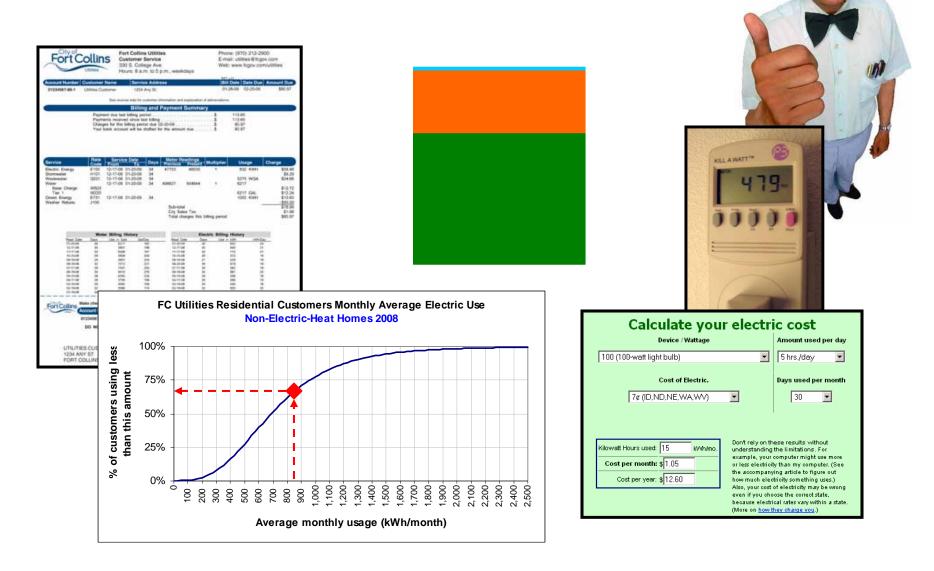
- Hot tub
- Stock tank heater
- Bird bath heater
- Engine block heater
- Powered attic ventilator
- Steam humidifers
- Patio snowmelt
- Pottery kiln
- Waterbed heater
- Dehumidifier
- Electric blanket
- Heat tape

- Gutter heaters
- Ventilation fans
- Radon fan
- Coffee maker
- Electric range
- Microwave oven
- Rice cooker
- Powered attic ventilator
- Aquarium pumps, heaters
- Pool pumps, heaters
- Pond pumps, heaters

Etc.

Review

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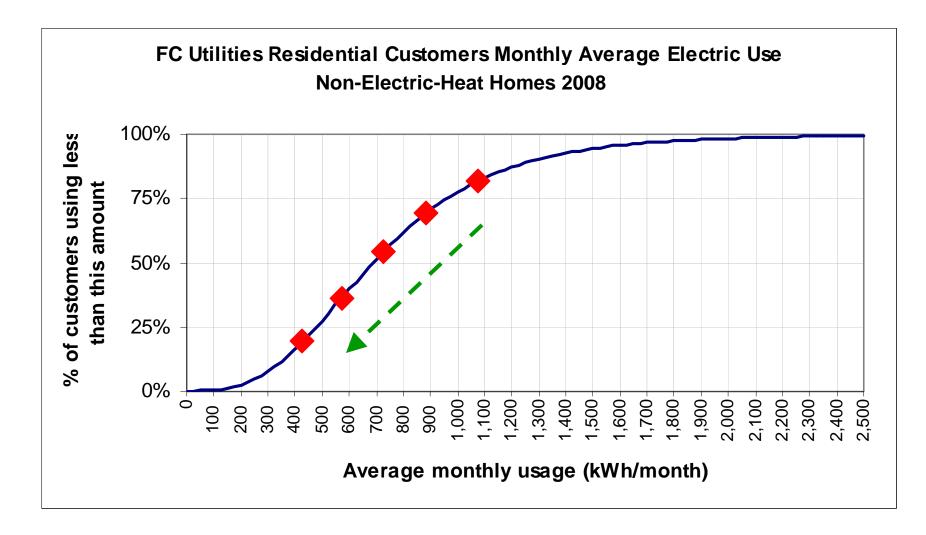




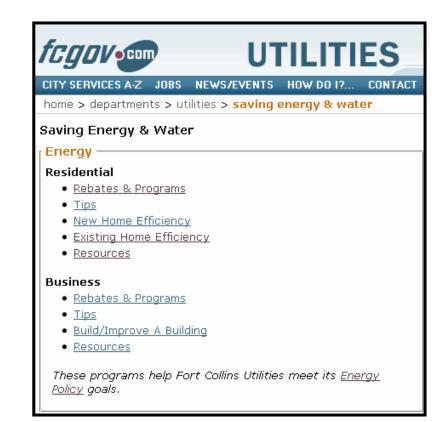








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