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This month, we are taking a look at the energy use of smaller electronics such as TVs, game consoles, coffee makers and more. By changing a few simple habits, it's easy to save on your utility bill.

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Did you know?

- Approximately 60% of all computers in the U.S. are left on overnight.
- A video game system that doesn't get turned off when not in use consumes 10 times more energy over its lifetime than ones that do get turned off.

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It is important to shut down and unplug electronics when not in use because they use energy even when turned off. This **vampire energy** can account for 25% of your total home energy use. As a good rule of thumb, if an electronic has a standby light or digital clock, it likely uses vampire energy.

Common items include:

- Cable boxes
- Phone and laptop chargers
- DVD players
- Video game consoles
- Televisions
- Coffee makers
- Computers

A typical house has about 50 products that always stay plugged in. If you want to stop vampire energy but don't want to have to unplug many items, use a power strip. With the flip of one switch, you can cut off energy to all plugs in the strip. Smart power strips automatically cut off energy for unused outlets.



FIND OUT MORE

- If you are curious how much energy your home electronics use, **borrow a watt meter** from the Poudre River Public Library District.
- **Interested in purchasing a power strip** so you can start saving? Head to our Efficiency Works Store (efficiencyworksstore.com) to find power strips and other energy-saving products and apply the rebates.
- If you own your home and have a sprinkler system, **sign up for a free audit**, which will help you use your sprinkler system more effectively. Find out more and schedule your audit at fcgov.com/sprinkler-audit.

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