## Energy Partners



# Get max energy savings from your appliances

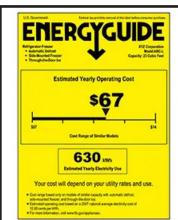
Here are ways you can save money on your electric bill by using appliances more efficiently.



It's hard to imagine life without the appliances we rely on—like refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, stoves and ovens. Although they make our lives easier, they can also make our electric bills higher. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to use appliances more efficiently. That means you save money on your electric bill, month after month. Here are a few ways you can save:

#### **Look for the Energy Star label**

If you're thinking about buying a new appliance, think energy





Many people confuse Energyguide and the Energy Star lable. The yellow label estimates the annual energy use where the blue designates high efficient products.

efficiency. The Energy Star label guarantees that the appliance uses at least 20 percent less energy than appliances that aren't Energy Star approved. You will save significant dollars in the long run, even if the appliance has a higher initial cost.

#### Get maximum efficiency from washers and dryers

Washers and dryers consume high amounts of electricity. Use them as efficient-

ly as possible. The key to washing clothes

efficiently is to use less water, and

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### Savings

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to use colder water. Also, wash full loads whenever you can. That's because smaller loads consume about as much energy as large loads. A few other tips:

- Don't over dry your laundry. Use a moisture-sensing option if your dryer has one.
- Use high-speed spin cycles. This removes excess water and reduces drying time.
- Consider an old-fashioned clothesline or drying rack for some of your laundry.
- Keep those lint traps and dryer vents clean.

#### The smart way to use refrigerators and freezers

Because refrigerators and freezers are working 24/7, they can consume more electricity than any other appliance. It's important to make sure they're working efficiently.

- Set your refrigerator temperature around 40 degrees Fahrenheit. A refrigerator set 10 degrees colder can use up to 25 percent more energy.
- Give it some space. Refrigerators and freezers require space from walls or cabinets to operate efficiently.
- Keep those coils clean. Vacuum or brush them frequently.
- Defrost your freezer regularly. If you have more than a quarter of an inch of ice, it is time to defrost.

#### Dishwasher efficiency

Dishwashers make life in the kitchen more convenient. Just make sure you're using them efficiently.

- Consider air drying your dishes instead of using the drying cycle.
- Be sure to use the shortest cleaning cycle possible.
- If you have a newer dishwasher model that does not require pre-rinsing, take advantage of it.

#### Stove and ovens: microwave and save

Whenever possible, use your microwave. Microwaves cook faster and consume less energy than stoves or ovens. Small toaster or convection ovens are also efficient choices. Remember: Don't constantly open the oven when it's in use. Your oven has to use more energy to raise the temperature back up.

#### Beware of phantom energy

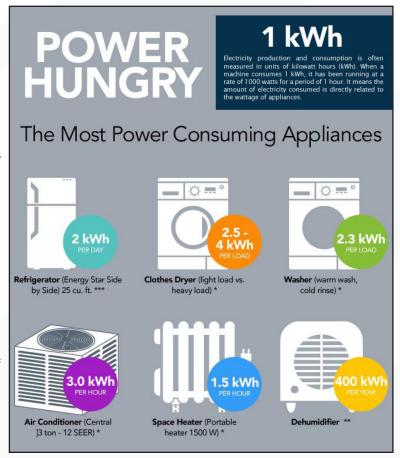
Did you know appliances can use energy when turned off but still plugged in? It is true! This phenomenon is commonly referred to as a "phantom load" or "vampire energy." A phantom load is any electronic device or appliance that consumes electricity when turned off but still plugged into an outlet. These appliances and electronic devices provide the modern-day conveniences we rely on, but they also waste energy and cost money. The U.S. Department of Energy says on average, 75 percent of the electricity used to power home electronics and appliances is consumed while the products are turned off.

The best way to stop appliances and electronics from using electricity while they're plugged in but turned off is to unplug them every night or when not in use. That being said, that isn't convenient or easy to remember. Learn other ways to cut out the phantoms by checking out our phantom load calculator.

#### Don't overheat your water

If you have a tank-type water heater, keep it 120 degrees or below. If you set it higher, you may be wasting energy. Reducing your water heater temperature will lower the cost of heating your water, and it will prevent scalding. If you are looking to replace an old water heater with a newer model, consider a heat-pump water heater. Although the upfront cost is more than a traditional water heater, the savings can add up quickly. Additionally, New-Mac offers a rebate of up to \$500. On the flip side, if you have been told a tankless water heater is the ticket to energy savings, be sure to research that claim first. Tankless water heaters generally aren't as energy efficient as well-kept tank water heaters. Insulation, temperature setback, timers and heat traps can all lower energy costs with tank water heaters.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call us at 417-451-1515!



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## Unclaimed patronage available for former members of New-Mac Electric

Names listed are former members of New-Mac Electric who have unclaimed past patronage with the Cooperative. You must contact the New-Mac office at 417-451-1515 within 60 days in order to claim your property. Properties listed fall within a defined monetary range. For an extensive listing of all unclaimed patronage, visit our website at newmac.com. More names will be published in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

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