



Media Devices

Media devices in your household can have a large impact on your energy bill if you're not careful. Here are some tips to help curb your usage:

USE ADVANCED POWER STRIPS

Electronics that are turned off will continue to draw power when they are left plugged into an outlet. This electricity consumed by appliances that are off is called standby power and can account for 5-10% of residential energy use. To minimize this standby power, plug your electronics into an advanced power strip.



EFFICIENT WAYS TO WATCH MEDIA

There are many ways to watch movies and TV shows these days, so it is no surprise that the devices used to stream this content have different energy needs. For example, a video game console is a very power-hungry device, and uses 17 times more energy than a dedicated streaming device like a Roku or Apple TV when streaming the same movie. DVD players and Blu-Ray players will also use more energy than dedicated streaming devices since they have moving parts needed to spin and read the discs.

BUYING GUIDANCE FOR TELEVISIONS

Keep these points in mind when you are looking for an energy efficient television to buy:

- Purchase televisions that are ENERGY STAR Certified.
- Look for televisions with liquid crystal display (LCD) or organic light-emitting diode (OLED) screens since these are more energy efficient.
- Find televisions with automatic brightness control (ABC) or local dimming settings that help conserve energy.

