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Energy Vampires



Co-op Month



Halloween Safety

Beware of energy vampires

There are likely silent menaces in your home – ones that never sleep and can lurk in any room. They are energy vampires, electronic devices that slowly suck electricity when they are turned off but still plugged in.

The glowing light that remains on when a device is powered off is a tell-tale sign of an unwelcome power sucker. Electronics chargers, computers and devices that turn on instantly via remote control are common culprits.

Individually, these energy vampires use only small amounts of electricity, but they can collectively account for as much as 10% on the average monthly electric bill, reports the U.S. Department of Energy.

Here are some tips to defeat your energy vampires and potentially save money:

1. **Unplug.** When not in use or fully charged, unplug devices such as cellphones, coffee makers, gaming systems and even rechargeable toothbrushes.



2. **Use power strips.** Shut off power with the flip of a switch when you plug multiple devices into a strip. If you use a smart power strip, it will automatically turn off idle electronics.

3. **Put them to sleep.** Activate the sleep mode on your computer or set other electronics into power-saving mode to minimize their electricity consumption after a certain amount of inactivity.

4. **Make smart upgrades.** Look for the Energy Star label when purchasing new appliances. They can use half as much energy as other appliances.

Get rid of the tricky energy vampires in your home and treat yourself to energy savings.

October is National Co-op Month

We are celebrating by giving back to our members!

Any member who signs up during the month of October for a FREE SmartHub account, or is already signed up, will be placed in a drawing to win a \$50 cash prize!

SmartHub can help you keep track of your usage, pay your bill, report an outage, switch to paperless billing and more. It's quick and easy to sign up for SmartHub – you just need your Nolin account number and a valid email address. You can use SmartHub through the free mobile app or at www.nolinrecc.com.

If you need help signing up for SmartHub, check out the "how to" video on our YouTube channel. There will be twenty (20) cash prize winners drawn from eligible members on or around November 1. Only one (1) winner per household.



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Safety Tips from Nolin RECC



Take an adult when you go **trick-or-treating**.



Remember your **flashlight**.



Only visit homes with **lights on**.



Look both ways before **crossing the street**.