

KPU Electric Division Conservation Tip #19

Idle Appliances Can COST You Money!!!

Many idle appliances—TVs, VCRs, cable boxes, DVD and CD players, cassette decks, cordless phones, burglar alarms, microwaves—continue to consume energy when switched off. This energy keeps display clocks lit and memory chips and remote controls working. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory calculates that these energy “leaks” account for 5 percent of total domestic electricity consumption, cost more than \$4 billion annually, and spew 12 million tons of carbon into the atmosphere. Make sure you are using the power management or “sleep” feature and turning these appliances off when not in use for long periods of time.

