## **Electric Usage in Your Home**



THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU DEPEND ON ELECTRICITY

As your electric supplier, we've developed this brochure to help you determine your electric usage. We hope this will help you use your electricity as efficiently as possible.

This graph shows how energy is used in an average home with four family members. Your use may vary depending on your lifestyle, the size of your family and the size, age and efficiency of your appliances. The amount used also varies with the weather and the amount of insulation in your home's walls and ceiling.

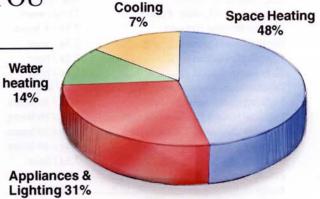
Appliances that are manufactured today are typically much more efficient. As appliances age, their efficiency decreases. Knowing the age and life expectancy of your electric appliances can help you understand your electrical use.

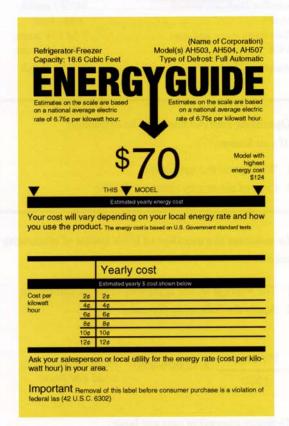
#### **AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS**

Clothes Washer	8-10
Clothes Dryer	14
Dishwasher	11
Electric Range	12
Electric Water Heater	10-12
Freezer	15-20
Refrigerator	15
Television	

#### REPLACEMENT

If your appliances are at or nearing the end of their expected life, you may plan ahead. When replacing old appliances pay particular attention to energy efficiency. In most cases, the energy-efficient choice will save you money.







#### LOOK FOR THE ENERGYGUIDE LABEL

To promote conservation, the Federal Government requires manufacturers of large appliances to display energy information. The ENERGYGUIDE is designed to assist you in deciding what appliance would be less expensive to operate over the lifetime of the appliance.

HOUSEHOLD	Cost/Period
Auto engine heater (500 watt)	3.8¢ / hour
Aquarium 30 gallon	
Clock	15¢ / month
Curling Iron	1.2¢ / hour
Battery Charger (car)	17.3¢ / month
Bug Zapper	
Computer w/Monitor, Printer	
Electric Blanket (125 watt)	
Garage Door Opener	
Hair Dryer (hand held)	
Heat Lamp	
Jacuzzi (maintain temperature)	15¢ / hour
Lighting (incandescent) 75 watt	5.7¢ / 10 hours
Lighting (compact fluorescent) 18 watt	
Lighting (fluorescent) 4'40 watt	
Lighting (outdoor flood) 125 watt	
Motor (1 HP)	
Power Tools (circular saw)	13.5¢ / hour
Radio	6.8¢ / hour
Satellite Dish (incl. receiver)	\$4.94 / month
Stereo	
Television (color, solid state)	7.5¢ / 10 hours
VCR	2.0¢ / 10 hours
Waterbed Heater (300 watt)	\$8.10 / month

# Operating cost per hour can be estimated if you know:

- 1. Wattage of the appliance
- 2. Cost of electricity (cost per KWh)

## To estimate the number of kWh (units of electricity used in one hour) first determine:

- 1. The wattage of the appliance from its nameplate
- 2. Apply the following formula:

#### To figure operating cost per hour:

kWh (units used) x Cost/KWh=Cost/hour

## SPACE CONDITIONING

Cost/Period

Air Conditioner (12,000 BTU, window) 8 SEER	\$22.50 / month
Air Conditioner (36,000 BTU, central) 10 SEER	\$54.00 / month
Dehumidifier (20 pints, summer)	\$12.15 / month
Heater (portable) 1500 watt	. 11.3¢ / hour
Heating System (blower)	\$6.74 / month
Heat tape (30 ft., 6 watts per foot)	\$9.72 / month
Humidifier (winter)	\$2.16 / month
Fan (attic)	\$2.14 / month
Fan (ceiling, lights off)	

## KITCHEN

#### Cost/Period

Bread Machine	5.8¢ / loaf
Coffee Maker (auto drip)	
Convection Oven	
Dishwasher	18.5¢ / load
Freezer (man. defrost, 15 cu. ft.) 1975	\$4.50 / month
Freezer (man. defrost, 15 cu. ft.) 1995	\$3.00 / month
Fry Pan	8.1¢ / hour
Microwave Oven	
Range (oven)	10.4¢ / hours
Range (self cleaning cycle)	45¢ / cleaning
Refrigerator (frost-free, 21.5 cu. ft.) 1975	
Refrigerator (frost-free, 21.5 cu. ft.) 1995	

## LAUNDRY

### COST/PERIOD

Clothes Dryer	38¢ / load
Clothes Washer (cold/cold)	
Clothes Washer (warm/cold)	
Clothes Washer (hot/warm)	
Iron	

## To determine average cost per kWh from your electric bill:

**EXAMPLE:** 
$$\frac{\text{(bill)} \$56.25}{\text{(KWh) } 750} = \$.075 \text{ per KWh}$$

Cost per KWh 7.5¢

### **EXAMPLE: 1500 WATT HEATER**

Electricity used per hour

1500

Cost per hour of operation:

1.5 KWh x 7.5¢ per KWh = 11.25 (cents per hour)

