



UNPLUG THE WASTE. PLUG INTO SAVINGS.

IS A VAMPIRE LOAD DRAINING YOUR WALLET?

A vampire load is the wasted energy from electronics we leave plugged in when not in use. Common devices—like TVs, computers, gaming consoles and chargers—can waste energy because they continue to use electricity even though they appear to be off.



OPTIMIZE SETTINGS

- Focus first on devices with large black boxes on the cord, such as computers, cable equipment, media players and TVs, as these are often the biggest energy wasters.
- Check the settings on these devices and take full advantage of all energy-saving features, like auto shutoffs and sleep modes.
- Set a schedule on electronics that can automatically power down during off hours.



GROUP ELECTRONICS ON POWER STRIPS

- Identify devices you use together. For example, is your TV wired with a gaming console or a sound system? Does your computer have additional monitors or a printer?
- Plug the devices you use at the same time into one power strip, and then turn them off with a single switch.
- Use advanced power strips to save even more! Advanced power strips look just like other power strips, except they have built-in, energy-saving features.



ALWAYS UNPLUG UNUSED DEVICES

- Fully unplug devices when not in use and be sure to unplug all non-essential devices at night or when you are not home.
- Shut down your computer every night.
- Unplug small appliances, like toasters and coffee makers, when not in use.



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