

# Unplug



this  
holiday season!

Many electronic devices draw energy, or “phantom” loads, when they are plugged in but not in use. This wasted energy costs U.S. households an average of \$100 a year.



**Make these simple changes to save energy and add a little jingle to your wallet this holiday season.**

### **Turn it off**

Turn off TVs, lights, and other electronic devices when not in use.

### **Unplug it**

Leaving home for holiday gatherings? Unplug items you won't be using. When you're home, unplug rarely used devices and chargers until you need to use them. Use a smart power strip to help eliminate standby power from TVs and gaming systems.

### **Use a timer**

Put holiday lights on a timer to save electricity. If you're using incandescent holiday lights, switch to LED bulbs. They use up to 90% less energy, are safer, and last longer. You can also use timers on cable boxes and change gaming system settings to auto-power down when inactive.



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