

# Energy Explorers: At-Home Scavenger Hunt!

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Hey Energy Explorers! Ready to become a **Home Energy Superhero**? Use your detective skills to find energy-saving opportunities around your house. Complete the tasks below and earn your Home Energy Superhero Status!

## Instructions:

1. Grab a pencil and this checklist.
2. Explore your home and check off each item as you complete it.

## At Home Scavenger Hunt Checklist

- ☐ **1. Phantom Power Patrol**   
Find 3 devices that are plugged in but not being used (like a phone charger or game console).  
➤ Tip: Unplug them or use a smart power strip to save energy
- ☐ **2. Bright Idea**   
Count how many **LED or ENERGY STAR® light bulbs** you can find.  
➤ Bonus: Replace one old bulb with an LED!
- ☐ **3. Thermostat Check**   
Find your **thermostat**.  
➤ Is your thermostat programmable? Is it set to save energy while you're asleep or away? If not, ask an adult to help adjust it.
- ☐ **4. Hot Water Hunt**   
Ask an adult if your home has a **heat pump water heater**.  
➤ If yes, give it a high five (gently)! It's saving energy every day.

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- ☐ **5. Air Source Heat Pump Spotting**   
Can you find your **air source heat pump**?  
➤ Ask an adult to show you how it works—it heats and cools your home efficiently! If you don't have an air source heat pump, do you know it heats AND cools your home? Be sure to tell your parents about this “cool” technology.
- ☐ **6. Laundry Logic**   
Check if your laundry is being washed in **cold water**.  
➤ Cold washes save energy and keep clothes bright!
- ☐ **7. Window Watch**   
Find 2 windows. Are the blinds or curtains closed during hot days or open during sunny winter days?  
➤ That's passive heating and cooling—great job!
- ☐ **8. Bill Detective**   
With an adult, look at your **electric bill**.  
➤ Can you find how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) your home used last month? Have your parents check out the graphs on MyAccount to compare energy usage to last year!
- ☐ **9. A Second to Spare**   
Do you have a second refrigerator or freezer in your home? If you don't need that second one, make sure to tell your parents that Minnesota Power has an Appliance Recycling Program! We'll pick it up for FREE and give your family a cash reward!!
- ☐ **10. Energy Pledge**   
Write down one thing you'll do every day to save energy.  
➤ Example: “I'll turn off the lights when I leave a room!”

## You Did It!

You're now an official **Home Energy Superhero**! Want to learn more? Ask your teacher or parents to check out Minnesota Power's website: [www.mnpower.com/ProgramRebates](http://www.mnpower.com/ProgramRebates)

- **Bonus:** Snap a photo or draw a picture of your favorite energy-saving discovery! Email it to [customerprograms@mnpower.com](mailto:customerprograms@mnpower.com) for a chance to be featured on our social media!

