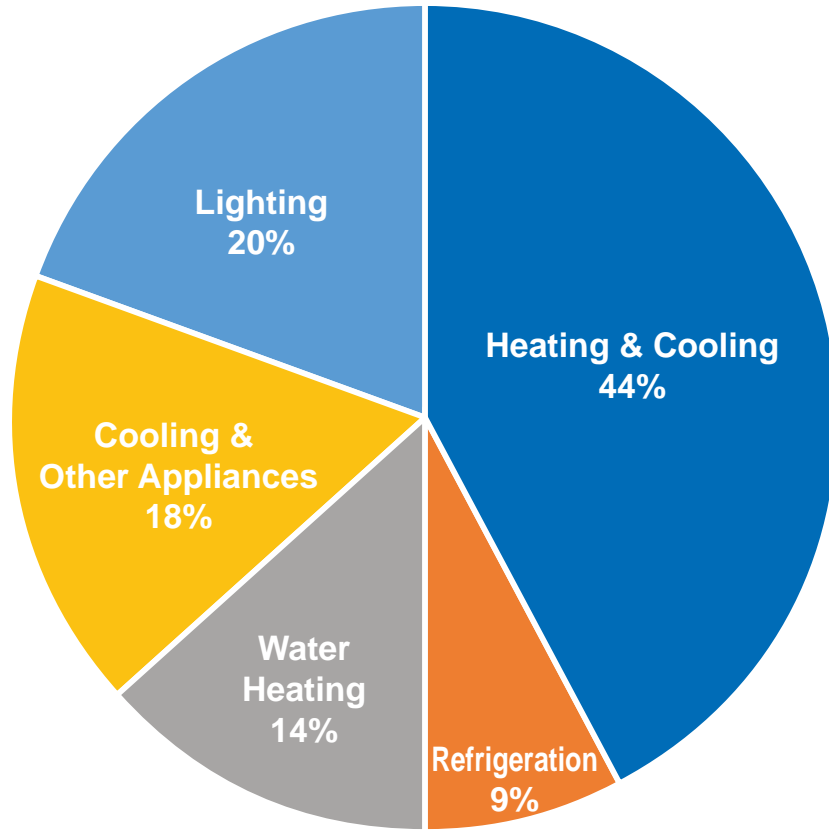


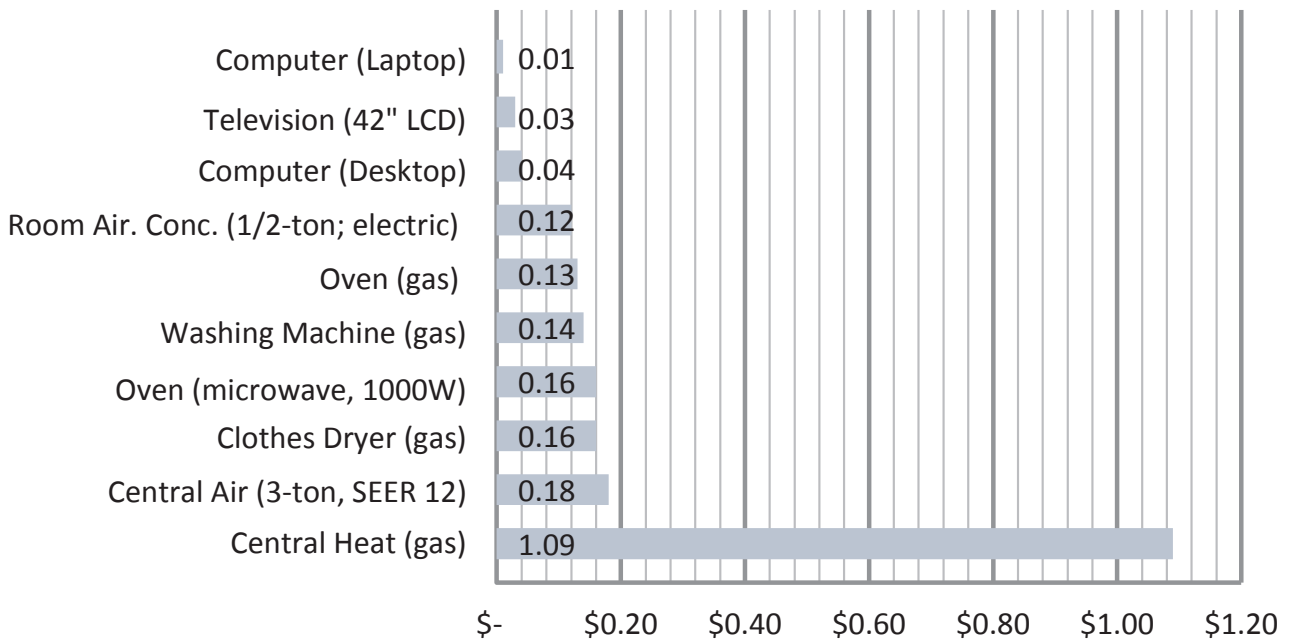
WHERE DO YOUR ENERGY DOLLARS GO?

Did you know that household appliances, electronics, and other items in your home use energy differently?



Appliance Energy Costs

avg. cost per hour of use



Sample electric costs represent a household using 300 kWh per month at a rate of \$0.16/kWh. Individual household usage may be greater than or less to this sample household, and electric rates vary by energy company.



ENERGY TIP

Keep your air conditioner thermostat at 78°F or higher in summer; 85°F when away



SAVE MONEY

Only wash full loads of laundry

HEATING AND COOLING YOUR HOME

- Keep your heater at 68°F or lower in winter; 55°F at night.
- When using the heater, use a ceiling fan on a gentle speed and reverse direction to help distribute the heat evenly¹.
- Before turning on your air conditioner, try using a room fan, and you may feel up to 5°F cooler.
- Replace or clean the system filter(s) once a month when in use to help improve efficiency.

LIGHTING YOUR HOME

- Use “task lighting”; smaller lights around the area you are working, such as a desk lamp.
- Replace older incandescent bulbs with more energy-efficient LED bulbs.

HOUSEHOLD LAUNDRY

- The average family with a top load washer could save as much as \$120 annually simply by washing their clothes in cold water.
- Use a clothes line when possible.

¹ See fan user manual for instructions. Not all fans allow bi-directional setting; if your fan does allow for bi-directional setting it is recommended that you utilize a clockwise direction for summer, and counterclockwise for winter.

REFRIGERATOR USE

- Set temperature settings to 38° to 42°F in the refrigerator section and 0°F in the freezer section; use a portable refrigerator thermostat if needed.
- Do not put hot, or warm food in the refrigerator or freezer – wait for it to cool down.

STOVE USE

- Match the right size pot, or pan, to the appropriate burner.
- Never use the stove to heat your home.

MICROWAVE USE

- Use a microwave oven for simple cooking and reheating of food.
- Covering dishes reduces cooking time and eliminates splatters.
- Use the microwave on hot days to avoid producing excessive heat from the conventional oven.



DID YOU KNOW?

By following your refrigerator's user manual for proper maintenance, you can save energy



ENERGY TIP

Cover your pots and pans when cooking or boiling