

Fight Phantom Load Leaks

What is Phantom Load?

Do you have one room in your house that has a thousand red eyes staring at you every night? That's phantom load! Like a leaky faucet dripping water, most appliances and electronics are constantly leaking electricity—and costing you money. If it uses a remote, has a digital clock or a little red eye, it's always drawing phantom load, even if you have turned it "off."

Use power strips to cut energy and save money

Where To Fight Phantom Load

Your Entertainment Center

Although you may want to keep a DVR recorder, Tivo or cable box plugged in at all times, make sure you put your television, DVD/VCR player and stereo on a power strip and cut the power when not in use.

Your Kitchen

Do you rely on the clock on your microwave or coffee maker? It costs more than it's worth. Add a battery-powered wall clock to your kitchen and unplug those appliances when you're not using them.

Your Home Office

Computers are big phantom load culprits, even when shut completely down. Don't forget your fax, copier, scanner, shredder, cell phone charger or MP3 player—they are all leaking energy as well!

Don't Forget the Small Stuff

Every little bit counts—even something as small as unplugging your cell phone charger when you leave for the day or turning the lights off when you leave a room. The savings add up!

Youth Can Save, Too

Turning off and unplugging appliances and electronics are an easy and fun way for kids and youth to help their parents save energy and money—especially when it comes to video game consoles.

Phantom load leaks cost our country more than \$4 billion a year in electricity costs



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