

Home Audit

Kilowatcher

What is the reading on your electric meter?

What is the reading on your electric meter one week later?

How many kilowatts did you and your family use during the week?

Staying Warm and Keeping Cool

What is the temperature setting of your thermostat?

Is your thermostat on a timer that automatically controls it at night or during the day when no one is home?

Lights

How many light fixtures are in your home?

How many have compact fluorescent bulbs?

How many lights are on even though no one is in the room?

How many radios or televisions are on with no one listening to or watching them?

Out the Window

How many windows are in your home?

How many windows have storm windows?

Check for drafts around the frames of your windows. Move a piece of ribbon all around the frame and check to see if the ribbon flutters. How many windows have drafts?

Check for drafts around door frames by using the same procedure used for your windows. How many doors have drafts?

Down the Drain

What temperature is your hot water heater set on?

NOTE—If your hot water heater doesn't have a temperature setting, measure the temperature of the water. Just run the water until it's hot; then use a thermometer to record its temperature.

Does your hot water heater have an insulated cover?

Does your shower have a low-flow shower head?

Do your sink faucets have low-flow aerators on them?

Do any faucets or pipes in your house leak?

Do you usually wash your clothes in hot, warm, or cold water?

Do you run the drying cycle on your dishwasher or let the dishes air dry?

Do you clean the lint trap on your clothes dryer before drying a load of clothes?
