FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE Energy Usage in Your Home

**KITCHEN**
- **Refrigerators/Freezers:** Number, age and size of appliances; appliances in garage and/or basement; cleanliness of coils.
- **Cooking:** Frequency of cooking; number of meals prepared each day; the extent to which appliances are used and their condition.

**ELECTRONICS**
- **Televisions, Computers and Gaming Consoles:** Devices may use electricity when turned off; duration and frequency of use.

**BASEMENT**
- **Clothes Dryer:** Size of loads; lint screen; age of appliance.
- **Sump Pump:** Water table; plumbing system; grade.
- **Water Heater:** Plumbing system; heater type (electric or gas); size; possible sediment in tank.
- **De-humidifier:** Moisture levels (continuous run); confirm functionality; clean air filter; fan running in absence of moisture.

**GENERAL**
- **Lighting:** Number of lights in use; types of lights; duration of use.
- **HVAC & AC:** Outside temperatures; appliance SEER rating; blowing/running fan; cleanliness of unit; condition of the air filter; location of outdoor unit.
- **Pets:** Includes fish tanks, heaters and lamps, the number of devices in use and the frequency of indoor/outdoor activity (e.g. opening exterior doors for pets).

**OTHER**
- **Hot Tubs:** Frequency of use; temperature settings; insulation.
- **Attic Fans:** Temperature settings; size; sophistication of the controls.
- **Pools and Fountains:** Controls; frequency of use; date when filled.
- **Other Considerations:** Space heaters; electric blankets; heating pads; fireplaces.