



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.

Power Tools: Consider size and type of tools in use; duration of time in use.



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 Consideratons: Space heaters; electric blankets; heating pads; fireplaces.



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).



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