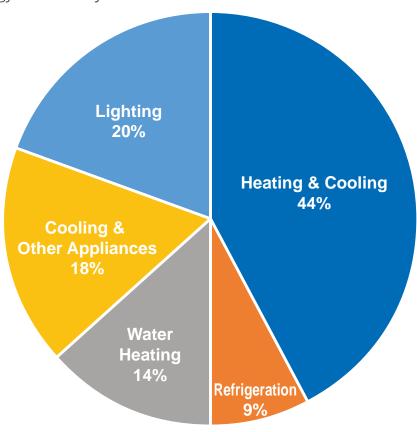
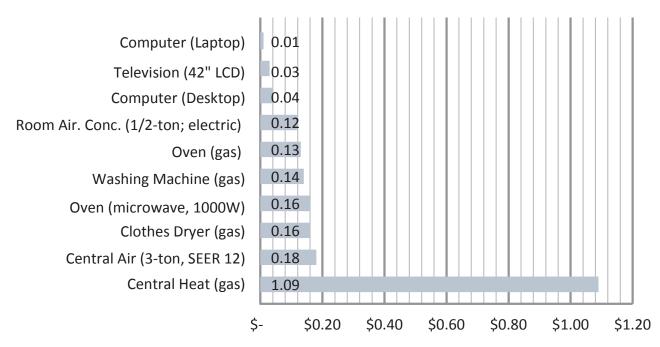
## WHERE DO YOUR ENERGY DOLLARS GO?

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





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 evenly<sup>1</sup>.
- 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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





Cover your pots and pans when cooking or boiling