

# DIY HOME ENERGY AUDIT

# ENERGY VAMPIRES

Identify electronics that draw energy even when turned off.



**A home energy audit can identify hidden leaks, reduce energy waste, and uncover safety hazards.**

As the audit is completed, take notes on what's found. These observations will help prioritize the most important improvements to save money and increase comfort. Whether completing repairs yourself, or deciding to hire help, you will be aware of potential issues.

**'Energy vampires'** are devices that draw small amounts of electricity even when turned off.

## Tips to reduce standby energy use

- unplug devices when not in use
- use a smart power strip that turns off power in standby mode
- look for low standby power ratings when buying new devices
- target use of high energy use appliances like portable air conditioners and space heaters

## Common energy vampires

- cellphone chargers
- laptop chargers
- computer monitors
- televisions
- video game consoles
- standby coffee makers
- electric toothbrushes
- small kitchen appliances



**Tip:** DIY Energy Audit Kits may be available to borrow from a local library.

## Notes:

