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KILL A WATT METERS HELP EPUD CUSTOMERS SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

Eugene, OR – EPUD Customer-Owners now have access to a device that can help reduce their energy usage and save money on their electric bills. The Kill A Watt *EZ* Electricity Usage Monitor allows people to track the electric usage of devices in their home when they are turned on, and also tracks “phantom” loads, generated when electrical devices are turned off but still plugged in.

“It’s important to raise awareness regarding how much energy different types of electronics use, both when they are on and off,” says EPUD Energy Services Coordinator Sandy Marr. “If customers understand this, they can take steps to lower their overall energy usage and lower their monthly bill.”

As an example, Marr states most consumers are unaware that a plasma screen TV uses roughly 60% more power than an LCD TV. Where it might cost \$2.00/month to run a 19” standard color TV, it would cost \$15/month to run an LCD TV and \$24/month to run a plasma TV.

The Kill A Watt not only monitors energy usage, but also allows consumers to program in their local utility rate, thereby displaying projected operating costs by hour, day, week, month, or year. This gives consumers a better understanding of what each device actually costs to use.

EPUD Customer-Owners can rent a Kill A Watt meter free of charge. There is one meter available for check-out at each of the libraries in Junction City, Fern Ridge, and Cottage Grove. There are also three meters available for pick-up at the EPUD office in Eugene. If the pick-up option will not work, EPUD Customer-Owners should call the Energy Services team at 746-1583 to discuss a delivery option. All meters are loaned out with detailed operating instructions and an overview/usage “tip sheet.” As meters are limited, there is a two-week check-out limit. If demand is high, EPUD will consider purchasing more meters to serve the need.

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