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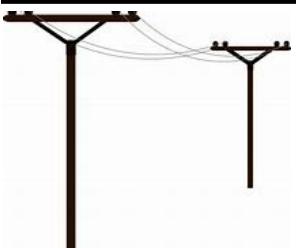


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ALONG THESE LINES . . .



## BEWARE OF VAMPIRE ENERGY

Vampire Energy, also called phantom energy or standby power, is the electricity that some devices use when they are turned off but still plugged into a power outlet. The most common culprits are electronics and other 'smart' devices that have a built-in clock or digital display, but other appliances can be energy vampires too. These use the most vampire energy in your home:

- **Televisions.** TVs can be some of the most energy-sucking devices in your home—especially modern "smart" TVs with all the bells and whistles, including satellite TV, Wi-Fi connectivity, DVR capabilities, and more.
- **Computers.** Computers don't use nearly as much energy as TVs, especially if they are smaller devices such as laptops and tablets. But their chargers can be major energy vampires. Unplug the charger from the outlet to avoid using phantom power.
- **Refrigerators.** Refrigerators are major energy vampires, but there is not much you can do about that except to buy one that's more energy-efficient.
- **Thermostats.** Your thermostat, air conditioner, and hot water heater use a lot of energy, but you can't turn them off. The best thing for you to do is to choose a "smart thermostat" and program it so it doesn't use more power than necessary.
- **Kitchen appliances.** Microwaves, coffee makers, and other small appliances don't use a lot of power individually, but together it can add up. Choose items without a clock or digital display to reduce their power consumption.

Other appliances or devices that are vampires of energy, and that you may consider unplugging when you are not using them would be: toasters, can openers, hair curlers/dryers, laser printers, space heaters, lamps, cell phone chargers and video game systems — just to name a few.

Although it would be great if we could eliminate energy vampires entirely, the reality is a little more complicated. Unplugging every single appliance every time you leave the room is impractical, and some devices, like your refrigerator, can't be unplugged at all. Still, you can reduce the amount of electricity your appliances use by choosing the most energy-efficient devices and following practical energy conservation tips.

*Source: Internet*

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Rural Montana

Look **under** your transformers...

When you give us a call and tell us you are out of power, there are several things we usually ask you to check before we send a crew out. First of all, we ask you to check your own breakers. The problem may be right there. If not, we ask you to check with your neighbors to see if they are also without power. That information is very helpful to us.

If the problem seems to be just at your location, the other place we might want you to check is under your transformer(s). **Many times** we find a dead racoon or other animal on the ground below the transformer, sometimes even **still on** the transformer!

Knowing where the problem is saves our linemen a lot of precious time and you a lot of inconvenience.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## Nondiscrimination Statement

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## DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

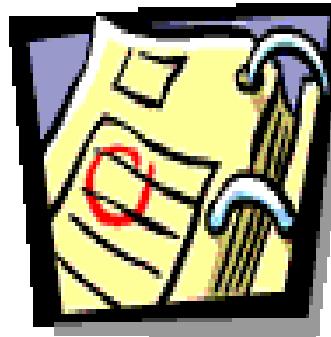
Call Action for Eastern Montana at **1-800-551-3191** to get help through LIEAP or Energy Share of Montana. Applications can be picked up at the office of MYEC, or go on-line to get an application at [myec.coop](http://myec.coop).

### **STUDENTS!! REMEMBER:**

**Scholarship  
applications are due  
February 25!!**

*Happy Valentine's  
Day*

**Mark your  
calendars  
now —**



Mid-Yellowstone's  
87th  
Annual Meeting

**on March 25th...**

### **IN CASE OF OUTAGE:**

*At all hours of the  
day or night, you may  
contact MYEC by  
calling:*

**406-342-5521  
or 888-392-5521**

### **BEFORE YOU CALL...**

1. Check all breakers and fuses in the building.
2. Check the breakers below your meter.
3. Check to see if your neighbors have power.

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