



EcoNugget

Break Free from the Phantom Energy Menace!

- Phantom energy is the power being used by items that are plugged in but currently in the **OFF, IDLE** or **SLEEP** position.
- **WHY IS THIS A CONCERN FOR ME??** It can account for 10% of your energy bill!!
- Examples of items consuming phantom energy: Coffee Maker, Gaming Systems, Electric Toothbrush, Cellphone Charger.
- To minimize phantom energy use, **UNPLUG** as many things as possible when not using them.
- **MAKE USE OF POWER BARS.** Plug things in and, when not in use, simply turn the power bar off. Look for "**smart**" power bars that automatically cut power to secondary devices, like DVD players, when the main device, like the TV, are turned off.
- Invest in **Energy Star certified** appliances & electronics which have built-in energy saving features that help eliminate waste.
- **DID YOU KNOW** that the average home in Canada has 25 electronic devices all drawing phantom power at once. (David Suzuki Foundation). Take the time **NOW** to break free!!

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