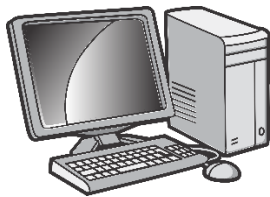




## Household Energy Vampires

Energy vampires are devices that slowly suck energy from your home through the use of standby power. Standby power is the energy used by certain products when they are turned off but still plugged into a power/wall outlet.

The average US household spends about \$197 a year to power devices while they are still off, and on a national level, approximately 5% of electricity consumed goes to standby power, accounting to over 4 billion dollars a year. The numbers below show the potential annual savings of unplugging your energy vampires.



Desktop Computer

\$26.46/yr



Video Game Controller

\$19.62/yr



Plasma/LCD TV

\$28.65/yr



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Cable Box

\$40.30/yr



Laptop Computer

\$18.13/yr



Laser Printer

\$39.42/yr



DVD Player

\$4.38/yr



Besides unplugging, there are some other simple and inexpensive things that can be done to minimize energy vampires. Changing the internal device power management settings, using timers, advanced power strips, and simply identifying things that are plugged in but no longer in use can help to save energy and money.