

Vampire Electricity

A large number of electrical products—TVs, microwave ovens, computers, monitors and phone chargers —cannot be switched off completely without being unplugged.

These products draw power 24 hours a day, often without the knowledge of the consumer. We call this power consumption “standby power.”

A typical American home has forty products constantly drawing power. Together these amount to almost 10% to 20% of residential electricity use.

Vampire Electric is estimated to cost US consumers \$3 billion a year.

References:

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