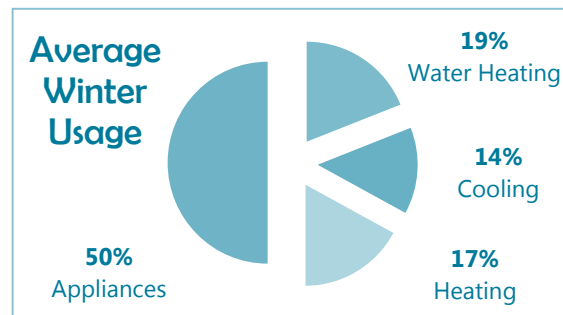


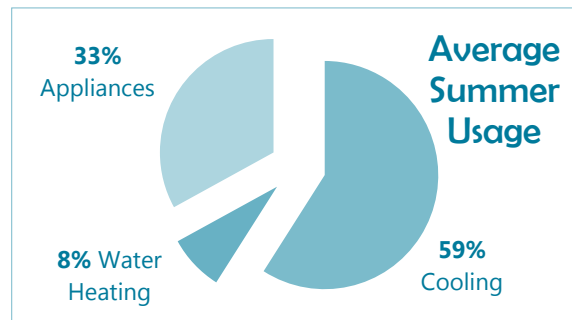
# Why Your Bill Fluctuates Monthly

Every home's energy use is unique, but there are four common reasons bills go up and down from month to month.

1. **Weather** is the number one reason. Let's take a look at three months to understand:
  - **In January**, your bill is likely not your highest or lowest. You may need to heat your home this month, which can be 2-3x more expensive than cooling.



- **In March**, your bill is probably lowest. In mild weather, you can usually do without A/C or heating on many days.
- **In August**, your bill is likely highest because you're A/C is on most of the time.



2. **Who's at home** can determine electricity use. More people means more showers, laundry, cooking, dishes, etc. Holidays can also cause higher electric usage, due to holiday cooking and guests.
3. **Appliances and electronics** that plug in all draw electricity. New purchases made within the month, such as a new cell phone and charger, television, or kitchen appliance, can mean a difference in your bill from a previous month. Usage of certain appliances also fluctuates month to month, such as an increase in clothes being washed during the summer.
4. **Number of days** on your bill affects the amount you pay. Normally, your meter is read around the same day every month, but some months are longer than others, and weekends and holidays can also interfere. Typically, monthly bills cover between 28 and 33 days, affecting the bill by about 10%. If your average daily usage is \$5, then that can be a swing of \$25 from one month to another.

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