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TOP 10 VAMPIRE APPLIANCES

1. Flat screen TVs
2. Home computers
3. Video game consoles
4. Digital video recorders
5. Cable boxes
6. Cable modems
7. Laser printers
8. DVD players
9. Cell phone/tablet chargers
10. Small kitchen appliances

What is vampire power? It is stand-by power, the energy used when many appliances and electronics are turned off but still plugged in.

PULL THE PLUG ON VAMPIRE POWER

1. UNPLUG. UNPLUG. UNPLUG.

This probably won't work for your cable box or wireless router, but if you have an extra TV or some other electronic device or appliance you don't switch on often, you should consider unplugging it completely until the next time you actually use it.

2. PLUG YOUR APPLIANCES INTO POWER STRIPS.

Power strips let you toggle the power flow on and off. This means you can control the power usage of clusters of devices so that they're not consuming electricity when you're not at home. Using a light switch that turns power outlets on and off, if you have one, accomplishes the same end with even less effort. An advanced power strip makes it even easier by turning off idle electronics without any additional steps from you.

3. CURB IDLE TIME.

Simply setting your computer to sleep mode, or stopping a game and powering down your video game console instead of leaving it paused for a prolonged period, could lead to bigger savings.

4. MAKE SMART UPGRADES.

When it comes time to send your old electronics and appliances to the graveyard, consider replacing them with ENERGY STAR devices. They have a lower standby consumption than your average device and use less energy all around. This calculator helps you estimate how much energy it takes to power your electronics and appliances throughout the year and identify even more savings opportunities. Visit [EnergySaver.gov](https://www.energy.gov/energysaver) for more tricks to save energy and money.

