



SAVE MONEY ON HOME OPERATING COSTS

MANAGE YOUR ENERGY USAGE TO SAVE MONEY.

How energy is used in our homes

Here in the Midwest, most energy costs come from heating and cooling your home, but appliances, household electronics, lighting and water heaters are major contributors as well.

Many appliances continue to draw power when they are switched “off.” These “phantom loads” usually happen with appliances containing digital clocks, such as DVRs, TVs, computers and kitchen appliances. You can unlock savings when you unplug appliances that aren’t used regularly.

Choosing energy-efficient equipment can reduce your energy usage, costs and carbon footprint. The reduction of your energy loads — the power needed to serve you at any given time — helps LES delay the need to build new, high-cost power plants.

ENERGY STAR® appliances can save you 15%–40% on operating costs. Two refrigerators may have the same capacity and features, but an ENERGY STAR® refrigerator can save you 20% on your operating costs!

Calculating operating costs

A watt is the standard unit of measurement of electricity, and a kilowatt-hour — 1,000 watts used in one hour — is a baseline measure of electricity consumption.

You can estimate the cost of operating any appliance in your home with this simple formula:

$$\frac{(\text{Appliance's wattage} \times \text{operating hours})}{\div 1,000} = \text{kWh energy consumed}$$

So here’s how you’d calculate a 50-watt laptop operated for 300 hours in a month:

$$\frac{(50 \text{ Watts} \times 300 \text{ hours})}{\div 1,000} = 15 \text{ kWh}$$

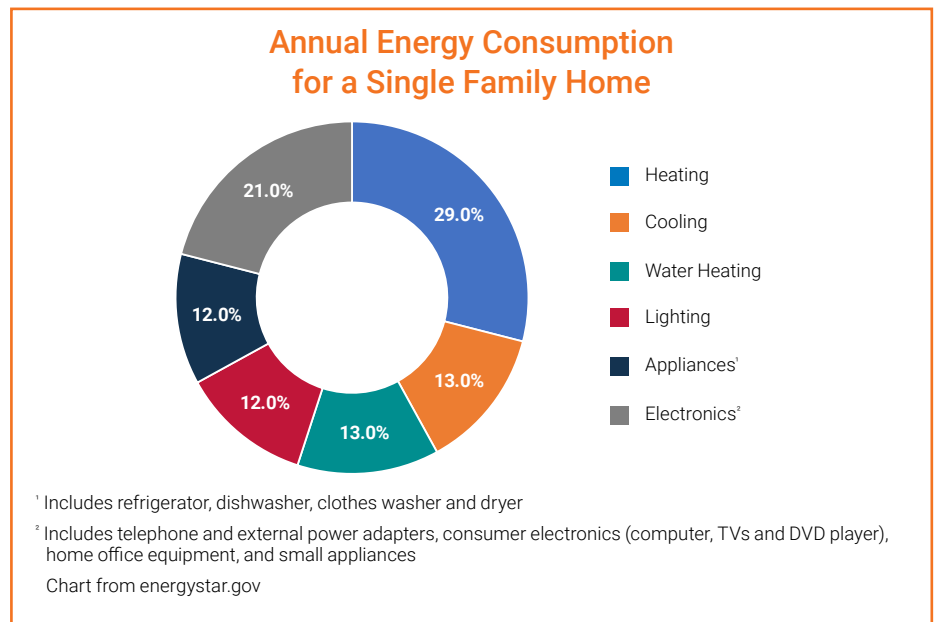
Then multiply the kWh by LES’ average rate, and you have the cost of operating that laptop for a month.

$$15 \text{ kWh} \times \$.06 = \$.90 \text{ per month}$$

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Typical home operating costs

Here are some of the most popular home appliances, electronics and comfort systems' typical wattage and operating costs based on a family of four's average usage. (Your electricity use may be different because of your family size or power usage.)



General Household

	DESCRIPTION	TYPICAL WATTAGE	AVERAGE COST/MONTH AVERAGE COST/SEASON	AVERAGE COST/HOUR
CLOCK	24 HRS/DAY	3	\$0.13	0.0¢
ELECTRIC MOTOR (POND PUMP 1/5 HP)	24 HRS/DAY	180	\$7.88	1.1¢
HAIR DRYER	10 MINUTES/DAY	1,200	\$0.36	7.0¢
RADIO	10 HRS/DAY	25	\$0.46	0.1¢
INCANDESCENT BULB (60W)	5 HRS/DAY	60	\$0.55	0.4¢
LED REPLACEMENT FOR 60W INCANDESCENT BULB	5 HRS/DAY	8	\$0.07	0.0¢
INCANDESCENT BULB (75W)	5 HRS/DAY	75	\$0.68	0.4¢
LED REPLACEMENT FOR 75W INCANDESCENT BULB	5 HRS/DAY	12	\$0.11	0.1¢
INCANDESCENT BULB (100W)	5 HRS/DAY	100	\$0.91	0.6¢
LED REPLACEMENT FOR 100W INCANDESCENT BULB	5 HRS/DAY	15	\$0.14	0.1¢

Home Electronics

COMPUTER DESKTOP & 17" LCD MONITOR	5 HRS/DAY	270	\$2.46	1.6¢
LAPTOP/TABLET	5 HRS/DAY	75	\$0.68	0.4¢
POWER ADAPTER (CELL PHONE)	24 HRS/DAY	3	\$0.13	0.0¢
PRINTER - INKJET	1 HR/DAY	50	\$0.09	0.3¢
DVD/VDR	2 HRS/DAY	30	\$0.11	0.2¢
SATELLITE/CABLE BOX	24 HRS/DAY	35	\$1.53	0.2¢
TELEVISION (42" PLASMA)	5 HRS/DAY	220	\$2.01	1.3¢
TELEVISION (42" LCD)	5 HRS/DAY	120	\$1.09	0.7¢
TELEVISION (42" LED)	5 HRS/DAY	80	\$0.73	0.0¢

Air Conditioning/Heat Pump — If replacing your air conditioner/heat pump, check out LES' incentives at LES.com/SEP.

CENTRAL UNIT (13 SEER - 24,000 BTU)	2 TON	1,846	\$99.55*	13.0¢
CENTRAL UNIT (13 SEER - 36,000 BTU)	3 TON	2,769	\$149.33*	20.0¢
CENTRAL UNIT (17 SEER - 24,000 BTU)	2 TON	1,412	\$76.13*	10.0¢
CENTRAL UNIT (17 SEER - 36,000 BTU)	3 TON	2,118	\$114.19*	15.0¢
WINDOW UNIT (13 SEER - 12,000 BTU)	1 TON	923	\$49.78*	7.0¢

Comfort

	DESCRIPTION	TYPICAL WATTAGE	AVERAGE COST/MONTH AVERAGE COST/SEASON	AVERAGE COST/HOUR
DEHUMIDIFIER (SMALL - 25 PINTS)	24 HRS/DAY	350	\$18.36*	3.0¢
DEHUMIDIFIER (MEDIUM - 45 PINTS)	24 HRS/DAY	590	\$30.95*	4.0¢
DEHUMIDIFIER (LARGE - 56 PINTS)	24 HRS/DAY	650	\$34.10	5.0¢
SPACE HEATER	4 HRS/DAY	1,500	\$9.85	8.0¢
FAN - BOX	24 HRS/DAY	100	\$4.38	1.0¢
FAN - CEILING (HIGH SPEED)	24 HRS/DAY	90	\$3.94*	1.0¢
FAN - CEILING (LOW SPEED)	24 HRS/DAY	50	\$2.19	0.0¢
FAN - WHOLE HOUSE (1 HP)	12 HRS/DAY	900	\$19.69	5.0¢
ELECTRIC MOTOR (FURNACE FAN 1/2 HP)	24 HRS/DAY	500	\$21.88	3.0¢
WATER HEATER (40 GALLON)	4 OCCUPANTS	4,500	\$21.59	27.0¢
HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER	4 OCCUPANTS	450	\$10.79	3.0¢
1 HP PUMP (POOL OR WELL)	5 HRS/DAY	900	\$8.20	5.0¢

Kitchen & Utility

CLOTHES DRYER	5 LOADS/WK	5,000	\$4.83	30.0¢
WASHING MACHINE (JUST MACHINE OPERATION)	5 LOADS/WK	650	\$0.63	4.0¢
COFFEE MAKER	1 POT/DAY	300	\$0.66	2.0¢
DISHWASHER	1 LOAD/WK	1,200	\$2.19	7.0¢
MICROWAVE	10 MINUTES/DAY	1,000	\$0.30	6.0¢
OVEN	1 HOUR/DAY	3,500	\$6.38	21.0¢
RANGE (8" SURFACE UNIT)	1 HOUR/DAY	2,600	\$4.74	16.0¢
TOASTER	5 MINUTES/DAY	1,100	\$0.17	7.0¢
VACUUM CLEANER	.5 HOURS/DAY	740	\$0.67	4.0¢

Manufactured After 2010

REFRIGERATOR (TOP FREEZER WITH ENERGY STAR)	16-19 CU. FT.	\$1.86
REFRIGERATOR (TOP FREEZER WITH ENERGY STAR)	20-25 CU. FT.	\$2.10
REFRIGERATOR (SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH ENERGY STAR)	20-25 CU. FT.	\$2.28

Manufactured After 1993

FREEZER (CHEST W/O AUTO DEFROST)	\$3.30	
FREEZER (UPRIGHT WITH AUTO DEFROST)	16-19 CU. FT.	\$5.40
REFRIGERATOR (TOP FREEZER W/O AUTO DEFROST)	16-19 CU. FT.	\$4.50
REFRIGERATOR (TOP FREEZER WITH AUTO DEFROST)	20-25 CU. FT.	\$6.00
REFRIGERATOR (SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH AUTO DEFROST)	20-25 CU. FT.	\$7.20

Manufactured Before 1993

FREEZER (CHEST W/O AUTO DEFROST)	\$4.74	
FREEZER (UPRIGHT WITH AUTO DEFROST)	16-19 CU. FT.	\$7.50
REFRIGERATOR (TOP FREEZER W/O AUTO DEFROST)	16-19 CU. FT.	\$10.19
REFRIGERATOR (TOP FREEZER WITH AUTO DEFROST)	20-25 CU. FT.	\$12.89
REFRIGERATOR (SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH AUTO DEFROST)	20-25 CU. FT.	\$15.59

SUMMER RATE	7.19¢*
WINTER RATE	5.40¢
AVERAGE RATE	6.00¢

Electric costs are based on LES residential rates effective Jan. 1, 2023. *All cooling comfort is based on summer rates.



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