

WHAT DID THE GRISWOLDS' ELECTRIC BILL LOOK LIKE?

If Clark Griswold Jr. were an MTE member today, his strands of 25,000 incandescent bulbs would raise his monthly bill by almost \$2,447.76. ***If he used LED lights, he'd pay about \$34!*** Don't be like Clark Griswold. Switch to LED bulbs.



3 SWITCH TO LED CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

LED Christmas lights use 90% less electricity than regular Christmas lights, providing easy and immediate savings. You can find them for around \$10 a strand and they can even offer exciting extra features like the ability to change colors.

4 CHECK LIGHT STRANDS FOR DAMAGE

Always inspect light strands for damaged wires, plug and bulbs. Frayed lights are less efficient and pose a considerable safety risk.

5 TURN THERMOSTATS DOWN WHEN YOU HAVE GUESTS

Bodies radiate a surprising amount of heat. When you have guests, the extra heat that is generated means additional warmth for you at no cost.

6 UNPLUG PHANTOM ENERGY USERS BEFORE HEADING OUT ON CHRISTMAS VACATION

TVs, DVD players, DVRs, computers, printers and many other electronics use electricity even when they are turned off. It's always a good idea, for a couple of reasons, to unplug these before you go on vacation. Use the savings for your next vacation.

7 CHANGE YOUR COOKING PRACTICES

Smaller appliances use less energy. Put those toaster ovens, slow cookers and electric fryers to good use. Only use the oven if you are cooking a large meal.

8 MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE IS PROPERLY SEALED

Examine the weather stripping around doors, windows and attic access points.

Make sure your home is properly sealed by removing and replacing any caulk or bad weather stripping that you find.

9 USE MYMTEMC APP TO REVIEW YOUR ENERGY USE

Through the myMTEMC mobile app, you can view your energy use and set up alerts to notify when you are using more energy than normal. This allows you to change your habits to reduce your energy consumption and ultimately save money. Download the myMTEMC app from the Apple or Android app stores.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. For additional energy-saving tips, visit mte.com/Tips.