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Beware of Energy Vampires!

♣What is an energy vampire? It is an electric appliance that sucks energy, even when it is turned off. Some of the worst energy vampires are adaptors for gadgets with rechargeable batteries, such as cordless phones, cell phones, digital cameras and music players, power tools, and other electronic devices. Most of these draw power even if the device is fully charged or not even hooked up to the charger.

♣Other culprits include appliances or electronic equipment with standby capability (such as televisions and computer monitors), a remote control, and/or a digital clock display (such as microwaves, DVD players, and stereo systems).

♣Energy vampires use up approximately 5% of the

electricity in the United States, which adds up to more than \$3 - \$5 billion a



year! Additionally, all this extra, unneeded energy use releases over 87 billion pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year.

♣What can you do about energy vampires?

- **Unplug your appliances when not in use.** You can also use a power strip and just flip the switch when not using the appliances.

- **Look at labels before purchasing.** Choose the model that uses the least standby power. If possible, purchase an Energy Star product, which uses less energy on regular usage and standby. The Department of Energy website is also a good resource for finding information on energy efficient appliances.

-**Keep it simple.** Avoid purchasing products with extra features you will not use. Such features often waste energy.

Sources:

<http://extension.osu.edu/~news/story.php?id=4050>

<http://www.ucsusa.org/publications/greentips/energy-vampires.html>



October is... Raptor Month

What are raptors? Raptors are the group of birds made up of eagles, hawks, owls and falcons. They are also known as birds of prey. All raptors have three things in common: keen eyesight and hearing, a hooked beak and four sharp talons on each foot.

Did you know...

Peregrine Falcons, not cheetahs, are the fastest animals in the world! When diving for food, they can reach over 200 miles per hour!

Bald is a Middle English word meaning "white head."

Bald eagles make nests out of sticks! Their nests can weigh up to more than a ton!!

A raptor's eyesight is 8 times better than that of a humans. They cannot move their eyes around, but they have very flexible necks which allow them to turn their heads in almost a full circle (280 degrees!).

Source:<http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu/raptor/home.html>

About 25% of the bald eagles admitted to the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota suffer from lead poisoning. Most of the lead-poisoned eagles arrive in mid-November to early December. It is believed that lead ammunition used in large game hunting and lead jigs and sinkers used in fishing are sources of continued lead poisoning .



Fond du Lac Recycling

Have questions about what to recycle, how to recycle, where to recycle and more!

Call the Fond du Lac Waste Collection Site Shed at 878-8069

Other recycling options

Hwy 210 Transfer Station or Perch Lake Shed call 384-9178

Brookston Transfer Station call 453-5692

Leave a cleaner environment for the next generation. Start recycling.

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