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HIGH POWER USAGE CHECKLIST

Do you often find yourself saying “Our power account is too high?”

If your answer is yes and you want to do something about it then this sheet is for you

Checklist for High Electricity Consumption

- Which meter is high?
- Hot water (controlled) or/ both Household 24 hr supply (uncontrolled)
- Note number of days
- Add interim (estimated) plus reading for a realistic usage over 2 month period
- Compare with similar time previous year

Hot Water

- Ajax valve/overflowing at roof vent pipe
- Fix dripping taps
- Number, type and size of cylinder
- How hot is the water? Thermostat too high?
- Spa/ swimming pool
- Age of cylinder? heat loss/ insulation/ pipe lagging
- Do not run hot taps unnecessarily
- Shower rather than bath
- Energy efficient showerheads may reduce water consumption

Household 24 HR Supply

- Heater use? Thermostats / timers
- Waterbed
- Number and age of refrigerators/freezers. Defrost regularly. Condition of seals?
- Number and use of various appliances
- Any new appliances
- Lighting? Energy efficient?
- Tropical fish tank
- Water pressure pump
- Aerated sewage system

Still puzzled?

- Refer to appliance running cost sheet and power saving tips from Northpower.
- Borrow a check meter to test plug-in appliances – contact Jan Thomsen, Northpower’s Customer Advisor, 09 4301841 or 027 4362275
- Take daily meter readings, compare to calculations from previous power accounts
- Compare rates of other energy retailers in the Northpower area (Contact, Empower, Genesis, Mercury and Meridian)

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