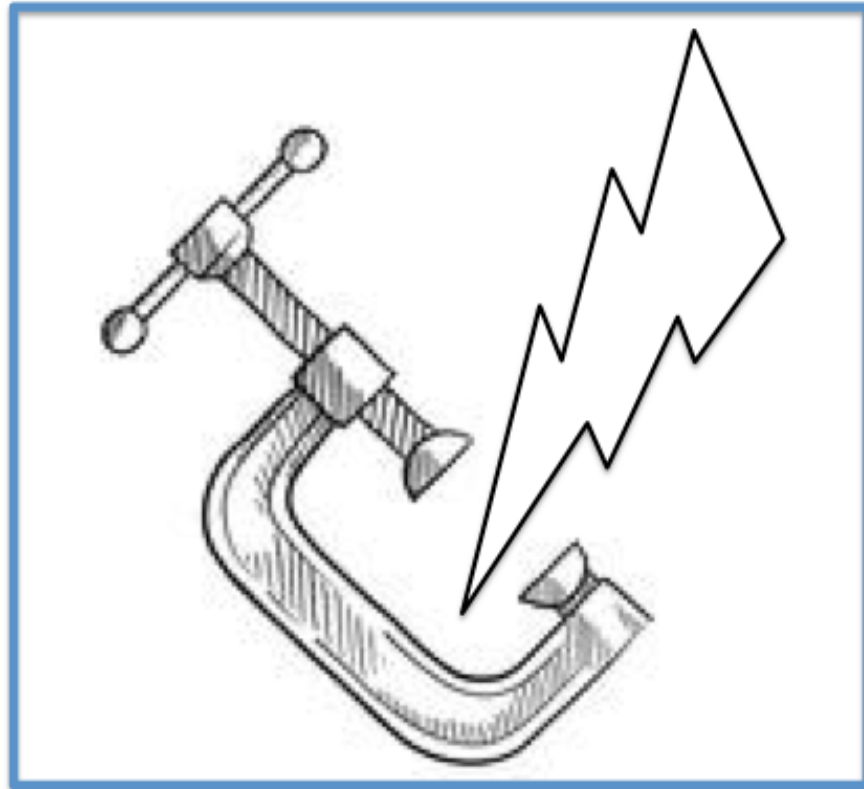


## Put a Clamp on Your SDG&E Bill!



**The following may help you reduce electricity use and your SDG&E bill:**

### **Laundry**

- Keep clothes dryer lint filter & secondary lint filter clean (separate bulletin).
- Clean & inspect dryer exhaust system regularly (separate bulletin).
- Install front-load washing machine when replacing washer-dryer. Front-load washers are best at water extraction, lessening need to run electric clothes dryer.
- Avoid over-drying your clothes. It wastes energy, plus causes static and wrinkling.

More info: [www.alicantehoa.com](http://www.alicantehoa.com) → Owner Services → OMC Bulletins

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## Refrigerator/Freezer

- Remove dust/lint from refrigerator grill at front bottom edge, and back. Refrigerator/Freezer units typically have wheels - roll forward.
- Per FDA, ensure refrigerator temperature set at or below 40° F (4° C).
- Per FDA, ensure freezer temperature set at 0° F (-18° C).

## Heat/AC

- Replace heat/AC air filter regularly (separate bulletin).
- Use programmable thermostat to control heat/AC (separate bulletin).
- Close blinds/drapes to limit solar heating during summer.
- Leave windows slightly open to reduce heating during the day.
- In summer, run clothes dryer or dishwasher when windows are open. Breezes carry the warm moist air from the washer/dishwasher to the outdoors, instead of AC system.
- When AC is in use, grill instead of using the oven. Cooking adds heat to the condo.
- Install/use ceiling fans instead of AC.

## Lighting

- Use LED or CFL light bulbs (separate bulletin).
- Use timers to control lights.

## Appliances

- Use microwaves /toaster ovens to cook or warm leftovers.
- Unplug unused “always-on” devices (FAX, game console, etc.).
- DVRs can use as much electricity as a refrigerator - return if not using.
- Plug devices (FAX, computer printer, Wi-Fi, phone chargers, etc.) into a power strip attached to a timer that is set to turn off when you’re regularly away – at work, etc.
- Buy ENERGY STAR-qualified TVs – they’re up to 30 percent more efficient than noncertified models.
- Consider a laptop next time you're looking to buy a computer – they use less energy than desktop computers.
- Set your computer to sleep or hibernate mode instead of using a screen saver so it uses less electricity during periods of inactivity.