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Start the New Year with Smarter Energy Habits

As the new year begins, many of us commit to breaking bad habits — hitting the gym, eating healthier, and improving ourselves. But have you ever thought about addressing habits that affect more than just your personal well-being, such as those impacting your energy usage?

Simple actions, like leaving lights on when they're not needed, might seem harmless but can increase energy consumption and your monthly bill. Let's explore some energy-draining habits and how to change them for good.

Everyday Habits That Waste Energy

Constant Thermostat Adjustments

Frequently changing the temperature on your thermostat can overwork your heating or cooling system, especially during extreme weather months. Drastic adjustments — such as moving the thermostat setting 2 degrees or more within an hour — force your system to consume more power. Instead:

- Make gradual changes.
- Consider a smart thermostat that automatically adjusts settings to suit your household's needs efficiently.

Keeping Electronics on Standby

For gamers and gadget lovers, leaving video game consoles plugged in or on standby might seem convenient but can silently drain energy. Consoles alone can cost an average of \$30 a year to power — and even more if left on when not in use.

To save energy:

- Unplug consoles and other electronics when not in use to eliminate standby power or phantom power.
- Use the same principle with other appliances, such as coffee makers, air fryers, and microwaves.

Using Multiple High-Energy Appliances Simultaneously

Running appliances like dishwashers and laundry machines at the same time can spike your energy usage. Instead, stagger their use to ease the demand on your home's electrical system and save energy.

Make 2025 the year you take control of your energy usage. By addressing everyday habits and taking advantage of SCI's resources, you can reduce waste, lower your bills, and start the new year on a brighter, more energy-efficient note!

How SCI Can Help You Save

At SCI, we're committed to helping our members use energy more efficiently and save money. We offer tools and resources designed to make energy management easier:

1. SCI Connect App

Track your energy usage in real time with the SCI Connect App, available in the Apple App Store and Google Play. You can also set up alerts to notify you if your energy usage is higher than usual, helping you avoid unexpected spikes in your bill.



2. Free Energy Audits

If you're noticing higher-than-expected energy use, our free energy audits can help. SCI REMC will analyze your energy consumption and identify areas where you can improve efficiency. Members who are interested can fill out the form at sciremc.com/energyaudit.

3. Customer Support

Still have questions? Our friendly customer service team is here to help you adopt energy-saving habits and make the most of the resources available to you. Give us a call from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday at 765.342.3344 or toll-free at 800.264.7362.

Power Up Your SAVINGS!

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