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TID donates power use monitors to Libraries

Check one out to see how much energy and money you can save

TURLOCK – If you have a Stanislaus County Library card, you can check out a "Kill A Watt®" power monitor just like you would a book and learn which appliances in your home are using the most power and costing you the most money to operate.

TID has donated 14 Kill A Watt® monitors, two for each of the Stanislaus County Libraries in the TID service area, to educate customers about energy efficiency.

The monitor is simple to use. Just plug the device into an electrical outlet, and then plug the appliance into the device. Enter the cost per kilowatt-hour, and the device displays the kilowatt-hour usage and the cost of electricity to run the appliance. Customers can monitor the energy cost of any 120 volt appliance such as refrigerators, freezers, televisions and computers.

The monitor helps customers understand how individual appliances can impact their energy bills and determine if those appliances should be unplugged or plugged into a power strip that can be easily turned on when the appliance is needed. The monitor even calculates cost and forecasts costs by the week, month or year.

TID and the Stanislaus County Library see the program as a way to educate their customers about energy efficiency. "We are pleased to partner with the Turlock Irrigation District," said Vanessa Czopek, County Library Director. "These power use monitors will help customers get the information they need to use energy more efficiently."

The Stanislaus County Library serves customers throughout the county at 13 library locations. The TID power use monitors will be available at libraries in Turlock, Denair, Hughson, Ceres, Keyes, Patterson, and Waterford.

For information on borrowing a monitor, visit your local library or go to www.stanislauslibrary.org and search the library catalog for "Kill a Watt."

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About the Turlock Irrigation District (TID)

The Turlock Irrigation District, located in Turlock CA, is the first publicly owned Irrigation District and is one of only four today that provides irrigation water and power to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers within its service area. TID has been in the retail electric business since 1923. TID provides safe, low-cost, reliable energy to a growing customer base that today exceeds 98,000 home, farm, business, industrial and municipal accounts. TID also serves 5,800 irrigation customers covering approximately 150,000 acres of farmland. For more information about TID visit www.tid.com.

About the Stanislaus County Library

The Stanislaus County Library fosters the love of reading and opens the door to knowledge. The county's 13 library branches provide free access to books, books on tape/CD, large print books, Playaways, magazines, newspapers, and DVDs, as well as computer and Internet access, premium subscription databases with articles on a wide range of topics, and reference material such as the Foundation Center database for non-profits and individuals seeking grants. Currently, 87 percent of the library's funding is generated by a dedicated 1/8 of a penny sales tax which expires in June 2013. Voters will be asked to renew this special tax on the June 5, 2012 ballot. For more information about the Stanislaus County Library visit www.stanislauslibrary.org.