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TID donates power use monitors to Delhi & Hilmar Libraries

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

TURLOCK – If you have a Merced County Public Library card and visit the Delhi and Hilmar Libraries, 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 four Kill A Watt® monitors to the Merced County Public Library. The two libraries within TID's service area, Delhi and Hilmar, will each receive two monitors.

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 Merced County Library see the program as a way to educate their customers about energy efficiency. "This partnership is a 'win win' for both entities. Working with energy companies allows the County Library to help our patrons learn about energy-efficiency and ways to reduce energy consumption within their homes and businesses. Whenever you save energy, you not only save money, you also reduce the demand for such fossil fuels as coal, oil and natural gas" said Jacque Meriam, County Librarian.

For information on borrowing a monitor call the Hilmar Branch Library at 632-0746 or the Delhi Branch Library at 656-2049.

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