

“Home Habits Impact Energy Use”

Dear Adam and Eve:

Isn't it overstating when you say that just a few simple changes in my home habits can have a significant impact on energy use? Simply Skeptical

Dear Simply Skeptical:

We participated at a U of M Sustainable Technologies Fair recently and were exhibiting products that are more responsible to use than others. Two of the items on our exhibit table were lamps, one with an incandescent bulb and one with a (CFL) compact florescent.

One of the attendees came by our table and told us her experience. Her MLGW even billing charge had been \$197/mo. She very proudly told us that now after her annual adjustment, her even billing had been reduced to \$123/mo.; and she had only done two things differently:

1. She had changed all her lights to CFL's and
2. She had started unplugging everything at night that wasn't needed until the next day, computers, printers, lamps, washing machine, dryer, hair dryer, etc!!

We, like you probably, have read and heard about simple habits like these reducing energy use but this was the first time we had heard an actual account from a real person!

Now, did all her savings come entirely from those two changes? Or did dedicating herself to making those two changes also unconsciously lead to making other changes?

Does it matter? **She still reduced her energy use by 30%!!** If you dedicated yourself to two home energy use changes, could you do the same?

And, Remember . . .

RETHINK! REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

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