

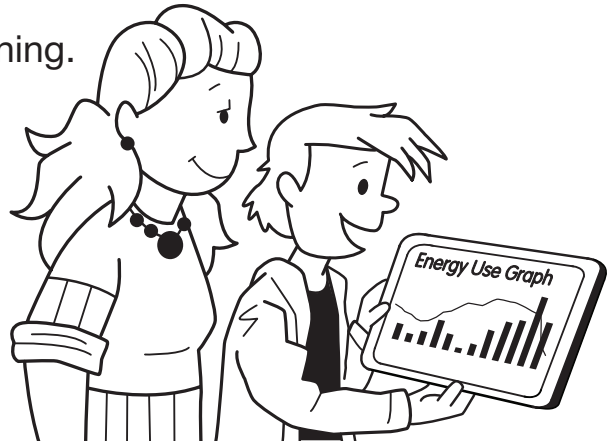
Be an Energy Saver

Max's family has a smart meter. A smart meter is a digital tool from the electric company. It records information about how energy is used in a home. Families can get this information on their phones, computers, or tablets. All families in New York City will get smart meters soon.

Max's mom just received a report from their smart meter. Max's family has been using a lot of energy. They want to learn tips to save energy. Based on the smart meter information, Con Edison's website will give them tips to use less energy. Can you help Max's family with energy-saving tips?

Directions: Read each pair of sentences below. Underline the tip that will save energy and not waste it.

1. Run the dishwasher every day in the morning.
Run the dishwasher only when it is full.
2. Wash clothes in cold water.
Wash clothes in hot water.
3. Take short, hot baths.
Take short, warm showers.
4. Turn off the water while brushing teeth.
Keep the water on while brushing teeth.
5. Turn off the lights when leaving a room.
Leave on the lights when leaving a room.
6. Use air conditioners to cool rooms.
Use fans to cool rooms.
7. Open shades on sunny days to help keep rooms warm in cold weather.
Close shades on sunny days to help keep rooms warm in cold weather.
8. Unplug phone and tablet chargers when not in use.
Keep phone and tablet chargers plugged in.



Your Turn!

On the back of this sheet, brainstorm three additional energy-saving tips for Max's family. For example, maybe they can turn off their TVs, phones, and computers and play outside.