

KIDS' CORNER

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it is to see if you can improve on your Electric Personality score! We've come up with a checklist that'll help you and your family conserve electricity around your home. Print it out and hang it on your fridge or bulletin board. Every time you complete a task on the list, check off "Mission Accomplished" in the column beside it. The more tasks you complete, the more electricity you'll save. Are you up for the mission?



-   Flip that switch!
Whenever you leave a room, don't forget to turn off the light. And that goes for TVs, computers, and game consoles, too!
-   Before you turn on a light in a room, stop and think. Do you really need it? Or is there enough natural daylight already?
-   Here's a bright idea. Have your parents replace incandescent (standard) light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). They use up to 75% less electricity and last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs.

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- 4** Give the dryer a break. Convince your parents to use a clothesline instead of a dryer. You'll help cut down on the amount of electricity they use.
- 5** When it's time to grab a bite to eat, have your folks reheat food in a toaster or microwave oven. It'll save more electricity than if they used the oven.
- 6** Looking for a snack? Don't just leave the fridge door open while you search high and low for something to eat. That's a surefire way to waste electricity. Decide what you want to munch on before you even open that fridge door.
- 7** Instead of turning up the air conditioning on a warm day, use a fan to cool things off. It requires a lot less electricity than an air conditioner. Now that's cool!
- 8** Dirty dishes and laundry can wait. You should only run a dishwasher, washer or dryer when it's full. And it's best to turn it on later in the evening. That way, it's not being used during peak electricity periods.
- 9** On sunny summer days, close the drapes and blinds to keep the sun's warm rays out. It's a natural way of keeping the house cool. In the winter, open drapes and blinds to let the sun's warming rays in. At night, close them to keep the heat in.

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-  **10** Ghost bust those phantom loads. (Phantom load is electricity consumed by electronic devices even when turned off.) Plug electronics like TVs, computers, game consoles, and chargers (MP3 players, cell phones, cameras etc.) into a power bar. With one easy flip of a switch you've got the power to bust those ghosts. Some even shut-off automatically.
-  **11** Don't get print-happy. To conserve electricity and paper, only print things when you really need to.
-  **12** To save hot water, give up on baths. (Don't panic...we're not saying to ditch cleanliness completely!) Take a quick shower instead. You'll use about half as much hot water than if you took a bath.
-  **13** Stop those drips! Have your parents fix any leaky faucets around the house. A constant drip can waste 182 litre-sized bottles of water a week!

