

Green Resource Hub Watt Meter Lending Program for Homes



Did you know that the average home spends about \$2,200 on energy bills every year (www.energystar.gov)? Appliances and computers account for a significant amount of the electricity used by the average household. Simple efficiency measures can help to reduce this consumption, resulting in dramatic environmental benefits and financial savings. As a homeowner or renter, you can take the first step toward achieving these savings by inventorying your appliances and electronics and using a Watt Meter to help you see how much electricity each one uses.



What is a Watt Meter?

A Watt Meter is an instrument that lets you measure the amount of electricity a given appliance uses. It can tell you the number of watts the appliance uses at a given moment and it can tell you the number of kilowatt-hours the appliance uses over a period of time.

The Hub has a supply of watt meters available for Finger Lakes homeowners and renters to borrow. In addition to the borrowed meter, participants receive an informational packet that includes step-by-step instructions for conducting an electricity use inventory and a series of recommendations explaining how to apply the inventory results inventory to achieve maximum savings in your electricity bills.

Want to borrow a meter? Here's how:

1. Contact us by phone at **607-216-1552** or send us an email at **wattmeter@greenresourcehub.org**.
2. Arrange to pick up your meter at **109 South Albany St., Ithaca, NY**.
3. Pick up your meter and provide a **\$10 deposit**.
4. Keep the meter for **up to two weeks** while conducting your inventory.
5. Return your meter and collect your deposit.
6. Use your inventory results to change the way you use your appliances and **save electricity and money!**

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