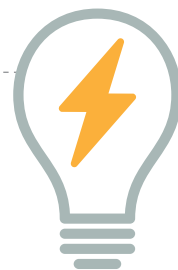


Making sense of power usage



Households here used on average 22 per cent more electricity daily in May than in February this year, latest figures revealed. The Straits Times shows you the types of meters used and how they affect your bill each month, as well as ways to cut your expenses.



Advanced electricity meter

- Used by 300,000 households
- Electricity consumption measured at half-hour intervals
- Figures are read remotely
- Billed based on actual consumption
- Consumption can be tracked via the SP Utilities app

Cumulative electricity meter

- Used by 1.1 million households
- Electricity consumption measured once every two months
- Figures recorded by an on-site meter reader
- Billed based on estimated consumption in alternate months
- However, all households can submit their meter readings to be billed on their actual consumption.

Tips on saving electricity

- Set the air-con temperature to 25 deg C or higher. The lower the temperature, the more electricity used.
- Switch off power completely at the source when devices are not in use.
- Cut down on long showers. Taking shorter showers saves both electricity and water.
- Wash and dry with an optimal laundry load to maximise savings.
- Allow food to cool before putting it in the fridge and cover the food stored. Hot food and uncovered items release moisture, causing the compressor to work harder to keep temperature low.

How to submit meter readings



SP Utilities app



Take a photo of the meter and WhatsApp 8482-8636



SP Utilities Portal



E-mail readings to customerreading@spgroup.com.sg



Automated phone system: Call 1800-222-2333