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**HALLOWEEN IS NOT THE ONLY TIME ENERGY VAMPIRES ARE ACTIVE, WARNS  
SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER!**

The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween and wants to warn you about the Energy Vampires that are sucking energy right now! There are electronic devices at your home sucking energy even if you think they are turned OFF! They are not OFF; they are in “standby” mode. Anything with a clock, timer, or remote control is still drawing power. “Standby” mode charges could add up to 10% of your energy bill! Think about it...your computers, multifunction printers, power tools, hand-held vacuums, flat screen TVs, DVDs, and CD players are using up energy, and you’re paying for it through increased energy costs!

There is a simple solution: plug your devices into a surge-protected energy strip and turn it off when the devices are not in use. Energy strips do not draw standby power. Do not plug an energy strip into another energy strip because of a potential overload. If you have questions, please call SBESC at (310) 371-7222.

SBESC serves the South Bay by partnering with SCE and other utilities to provide critical energy and water saving information to businesses, residents, municipal governments, school districts and other special agencies.

***SBESC – Save Water, Energy, Money and the Environment!***

*The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy and water efficiency training, materials and other environmental information. SBESC works closely with the sixteen South Bay cities and County Unincorporated Areas of the South Bay on the implementation of energy and water saving projects that reduce greenhouse gases as well as costs. SBESC provides resources and tools to assist residents, businesses, and public agencies in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and participates in many community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. The SBESC is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas Company<sup>SM</sup>, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and County of Los Angeles for Energy Upgrade California<sup>TM</sup>. Visit [www.sbesc.com](http://www.sbesc.com) for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.*