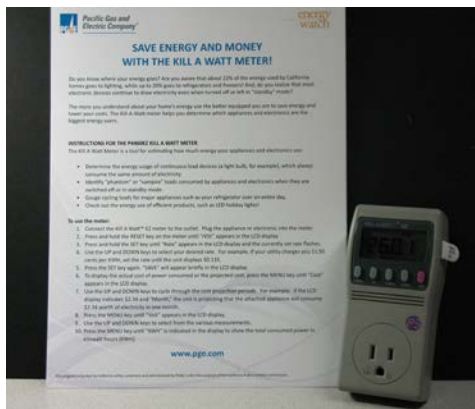




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FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROMOTES ENERGY EFFICIENCY New tool shows energy used by items in the home



The Fresno County Public Library is lending a new toolkit to the public in an effort to help residents lower their energy consumption. This toolkit, known as Kill-a-Watt kit, contains a small device which can provide residents with information on the amount of energy consumed by electrical appliances in the home. Armed with this information, residents can make informed decisions about whether it's time to replace an old appliance or show residents how important it is to unplug a device when it's not in use. The Kill-a-Watt kits can be checked out for one week at all Fresno County branch libraries and contain instructions in either English or Spanish.

The Kill-a-Watt kits were made available to the Fresno County Public Library, in coordination with local Energy Watch partnerships, through a donation by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Locally, the Energy Watch partnerships connect the resources and expertise of PG&E with knowledge and relationships of such organizations as the Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno County, the City of Fresno and the City of San Joaquin in order to raise awareness of the benefits of energy efficiency within Fresno County.

Steve Newvine, a PG&E Senior Program Manager for the local Energy Watch Partnerships, said, "The Fresno County Public Library system is perfectly positioned to communicate to hundreds of residents daily about how they can save money through energy efficiency."

In discussing this new opportunity County Librarian, Laurel Prysiazny, said, "The Fresno County Public Library is pleased to partner with PG&E, the EDC, the City of Fresno and the City of San Joaquin to provide countywide access to the Kill-a-Watt kits. This partnership is a perfect example of how libraries provide useful information and resources to their communities in creative ways."

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If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with a representative from PG&E, the Fresno County Public Library, the Economic Development Corporation *servicing* Fresno County, the City of Fresno or the City of San Joaquin, please call Roberta Barton at (559) 600-6274 or e-mail Roberta at Roberta.Barton@fresnolibrary.org.



Fresno County Librarian, Laurel Prysiazny, shows off the new Kill-a-Watt kit with representatives from the EDC, the City of San Joaquin and PG&E. (from left: Devon Jones, Dee Cox, Kevin Smith, Laurel Prysiazny, Esther Cuevas, and Steve Newvine)