

Energy meters available for check out at Hennepin County libraries

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Fifty easy-to-use Power Check energy meters will soon be available to borrow at Hennepin County libraries. Beginning Oct. 1, requests may be placed for the energy meters either online or in person at any of 39 Hennepin County libraries. The meters may be picked up at 31 Hennepin County libraries. To reserve a Power Check energy meter online, visit www.hclib.org and search the catalog under "Power Check Energy Meter." Power Check energy meters can be borrowed for three weeks only.

The meters will identify high energy use appliances in the home; determine how much it costs to use appliances; predict savings from reducing appliance use; calculate the cost-savings of replacing older equipment with newer energy-efficient models; and identify "energy vampires" -- appliances that use energy when switched off. The meters work on any standard 120-volt electric appliance. They come with home-energy assessment instructions, worksheets, and information about rebates, money-saving energy tips and incentive programs.

Additional resources for living green are available in the "Subject Guides" section on Hennepin County Library's website. Search under "Home & Garden" for "Green Living."

This program is a partnership between Hennepin County and Xcel Energy.

Reducing energy consumption is making Hennepin a Cool County. Learn more at www.hennepin.us/coolcounty