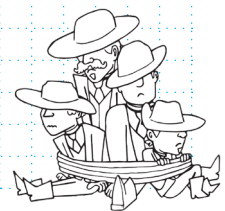
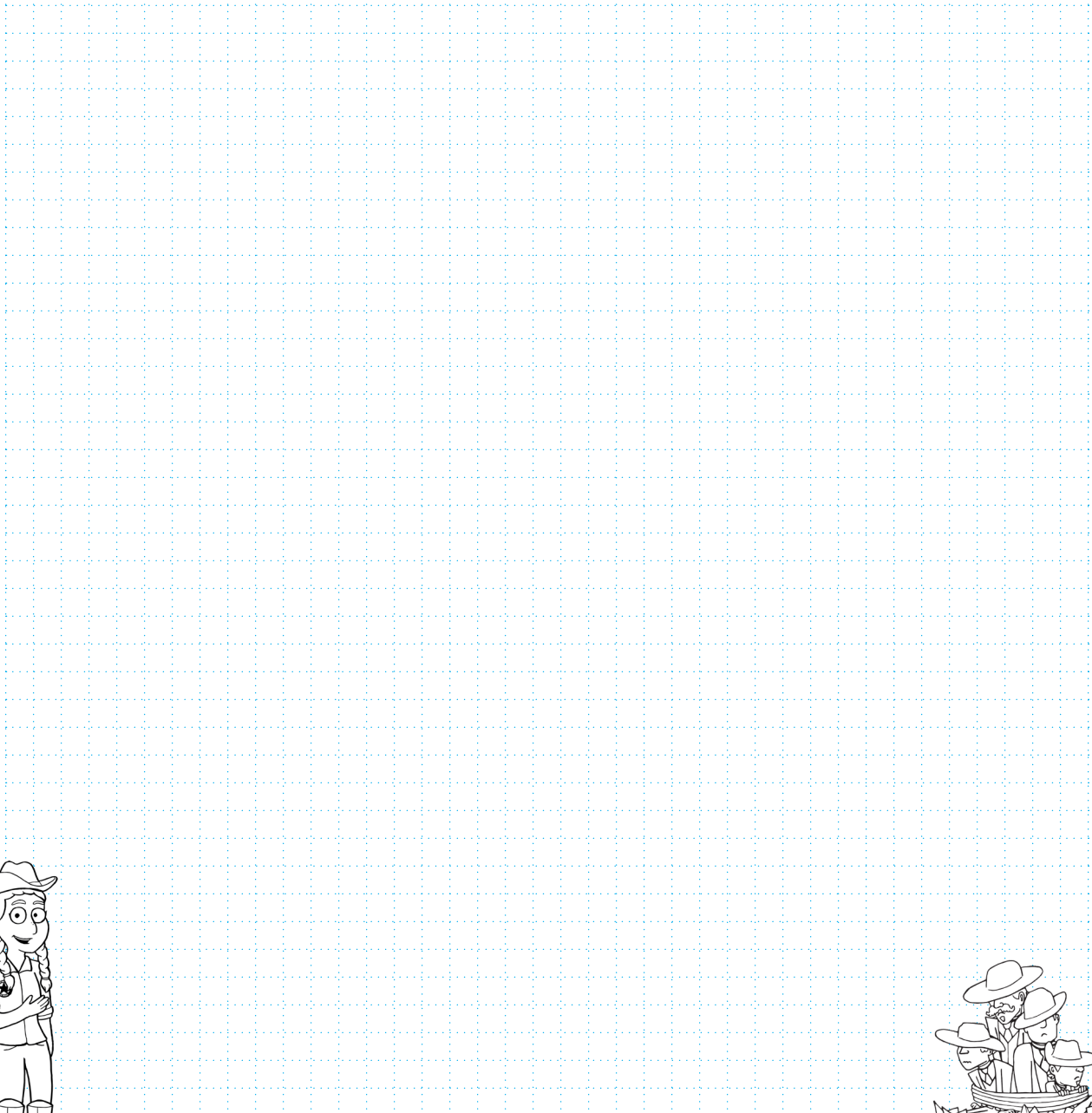


Tracking Down the Wasters Gang: A Watt Watchers Scavenger Hunt

Did you know the Wasters Gang could be hiding out in your home right now? This activity might lead you to them! Let's find the places where they could be hiding.

Start off by making a map in the space below of where you live. It doesn't have to be perfect, but be sure to include all the rooms and spaces in your home. Label each room, like "bedroom" and "kitchen." The next page has a list of items to find around your home. As you find each thing on the list, mark its location on your map and check it off the list. If your home doesn't have something, that's ok—it just means the Wasters aren't hiding there!



Here are all of the items you're looking for around your home.
Try and find as many as you can!



Light Switch



Electrical Outlet



Light Bulb



Ceiling Fan



Thermostat



Air Filter



Refrigerator



Stove and Oven



Dishwasher



Washing Machine



Dryer



Television



Game Console



Computer



Water Faucet



Water Heater



Furnace/
Air Conditioner



Insulation

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scan this code for tips from ENERGY STAR!
Remember, Texas is too good to waste!



Save energy and money in your home!

Air Conditioning

- Move the temperature on your air conditioner up a few degrees.
- Use fans. They make a room feel 4° to 6° cooler.
- Keep out the sun and hot air by making sure your windows and doors are closed tightly. Close blinds or drapes on windows that get direct sunlight.
- Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away. Set or program your air conditioning to be 5° warmer when you're gone for more than 4 hours.
- Check and/or replace or clean your air filters every two weeks May through October.

Water Heating

- Long, hot showers not only run up your water bill, but your energy bill as well. Therefore, think conservation for certain daily tasks and not only save water, but save electricity as well.
- Use cold water as much as possible when using a dishwasher or washing machine.
- Wait to wash dishes and clothes until you have a full load.
- Install a low-flow showerhead or faucet aerator to not only save water, but reduce water heating costs.

Refrigerator & Freezer

- Keep your fridge & freezer full, even if you just use bottles of water. A full fridge uses less energy.
- Make sure the seal around the door is airtight & keep the refrigerator coils clean from lint and dust.
- Don't keep a refrigerator in a non-air conditioned space because it will have to work harder to keep cool.

Washer, Dryer & Dishwasher

- Save money by letting the Sun dry your clothes. Use a clothesline or drying rack instead of the dryer. If your clothes dry a little stiff, use your dryer's "fluff" cycle (before 3 p.m. or after 7 p.m.)

- Run your washer, dryer & dishwasher only when they are full loaded.
- Use the air-dry setting on your dishwasher. The heat-dry setting uses more energy & heats up your home, requiring more air conditioning.

Electronics

- All electrical devices use some power and can generate heat when they are turned off but still plugged in. Turn off and unplug lights, appliances and cable boxes when not in use.
- Unplug your phone charger and similar devices when charging is complete.
- Video game consoles can be big energy consumers. Avoid watching DVDs and Blu-ray discs on your game console because it consumes five times the energy of a regular DVD player.

Lighting

- Replace traditional incandescent light bulbs that use a lot of energy to produce light, generate heat and are no longer manufactured.
- Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms.
- Using a small light when reading is more efficient than brightly lighting an entire room. Also, keep your light bulbs clean & free from dust.

Home Heating

- During the cold season, set your thermostat between 68 to 70 degrees when you're at home.
- Use a programmable thermostat.
- Reduce air leaks and prevent unnecessary air infiltration around the house. Add caulk around window frames and weather-stripping around door frames.
- Replace old windows with ENERGY STAR® windows. This may cut your energy bill as much as 15%.

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