E3A: Solar Electricity for the Home, Farm, and Business

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Steps in the Solar Electricity Series

STEP 8: ELECTRICITY USE WORKSHEET

Electricity Use Worksheet

Address:_____ Calculated by:_____ Date:_____

Electrical Device	* Wattage (Volts x Amps = Watts)	X	# of Hours Used Per Day (when used)	X	# of Days Used Per Year	=	Watt-hours Used Per Year	Divide by 1,000 = kWh	Kilowatt-hours (kWh) Used Per Year
Example: Flat Screen TV	120 watts	X	2	X	269	=	64,560	$\frac{64,560}{1,000}$	64.56 kWh
Example: Dishwasher (not using the drying feature)	1200 watts	X	1	X	104	=	124,800	$\frac{124,800}{1,000}$	124.8 kWh
		X		X		=		$\frac{\quad}{1,000}$	
		X		X		=		$\frac{\quad}{1,000}$	
		X		X		=		$\frac{\quad}{1,000}$	
		X		X		=		$\frac{\quad}{1,000}$	
		X		X		=		$\frac{\quad}{1,000}$	
		X		X		=		$\frac{\quad}{1,000}$	

Electrical Device	Wattage	X	Hours Used/Day	X	Days Used/Year	=	Watt-hours	÷1,000 =	KWh Used/Year
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
		X		X		=		____ 1,000	
Total kilowatt-hours (kWh) Used Per Year									
Divide by 12 for Average KWh Used Per Month Use this number for the Solar System Sizing Exercises in Factsheet 5.									

* An electrical device has a metal plate/sticker showing **wattage** on or near the back or side. If not shown, use the amperes (amps) number times the voltage to get wattage.
Most U.S. appliances use 120 volts. Larger appliances (electric clothes dryers and cooktops) use 240 volts.

• **Refrigerators**: Because they cycle on and off to maintain a set temperature, divide the total time the refrigerator is plugged in by 3.