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BMLD Donates Kill-a-Watt Meters to Belmont Public Library

(Belmont, MA) – You know that your appliances may not be as energy efficient as you'd like them to be. But do you really know how much energy your appliances or your computers really use?

To help Belmont residents see how efficient their 120-volt appliances, electronics and computers are, the Belmont Municipal Light Department (BMLD) has donated four Kill-a-Watt meters to the Belmont Public Library. The easy-to-use meters help calculate the energy costs for each appliance or electronic device tested, and library patrons can borrow the meters much like they borrow a book.

“We are excited about this arrangement with the Belmont Public Library,” BMLD Manager Tim Richardson said. “Residents can use their library card to ‘take out’ one of these special meters to use at home. And like a book borrowed from the library, residents must return them by the due date so that others will have an opportunity to use them.”

In addition to the meter, the borrower receives worksheets and instructions to calculate the energy costs for each device tested.

According to the Manager, the Kill-a-Watt meter is plugged into a 120-volt appliance, electronic device or computer to record consumption by the Kilowatt-hour. Users can calculate electrical expenses by the day, week, month or year, and if they choose, they can also check the quality of their power by monitoring the voltage and line frequency. This enables the user to identify areas in their home where they can save electricity – and money.

“This meter is perfect if you have an older appliance that you think needs to be replaced,” he added. “Now you’ll know if it is time for a new refrigerator or if your air conditioner is still saving you money.”

The four Kill-a-Watt meters are now in circulation at the library. For more information about this program that is offered in cooperation with the Belmont Public Library, please call BMLD at (617) 993-2800.

