



Utilities – Water/Trash/ Sewer/Gas/ Electricity

Keys to Understanding Utilities:

Water/Sewer/Trash

Ameren-Gas & Electricity

How does water usage affect your household bill?



Water/Sewer/Trash

The more water used, the more water going down the drain. Therefore, increased sewer costs, in addition to increased water costs.

The average household pays \$75 monthly for Water and Sewer.

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Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth

Avoid taking long showers

Collect water for yard use

Lower the hot water heater temperature

Use your dishwasher wisely

Keep pools covered

Water/Sewer/Trash



What are some things that can be recycled?

Paper (all types), Cardboard, Plastic (milk jugs, water and soda and soap/shampoo bottles), Aluminum, and Glass

Trash and Recycling

Trash and Recycling can cost more than \$30 per a month for a household.

Recycling is often an extra expense, added to your monthly trash bill.

Lawn clippings can be another additional trash expense.

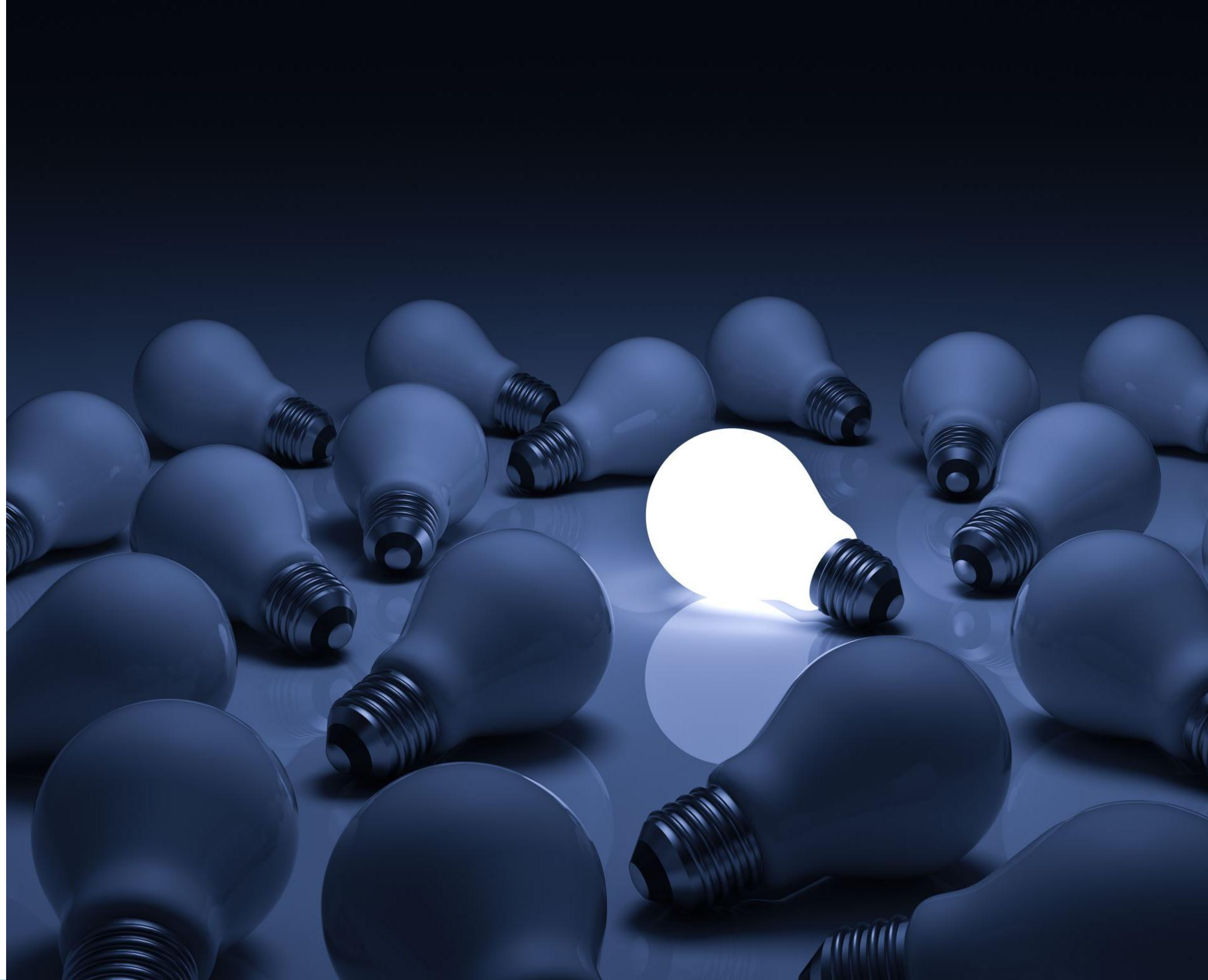
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Factors affecting electric consumption:

- Heating & Cooling
- Water heaters
- Appliances
- Lighting
- Computers
- TVs & Gaming Systems

**What can you
do to
conserve
electricity in
your homes?**



Ways to conserve electricity

Turn off lights and appliances

Unplug electronics when not in use

Save money with solar energy

Clean or replace air filters

Install a programmable thermostat

Use a fan

Shut doors and close curtains

Ameren Gas for your Home

- **Reduce your home gas usage and stay comfortable.**

Insulating your hot water pipes reduces heat loss.

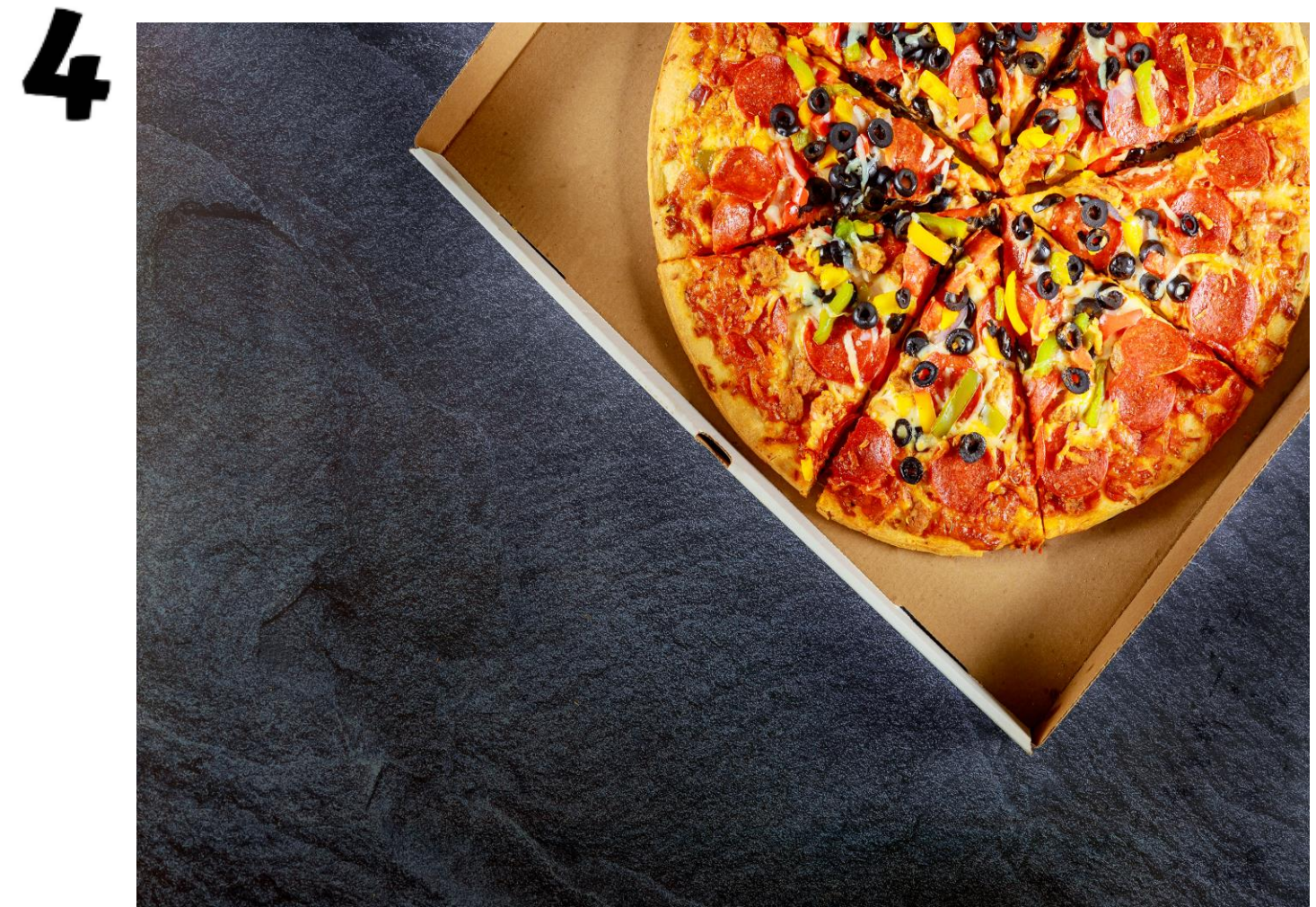
Smart Thermostats turn off the heat and AC more often than regular thermostats and saves you money.



Time to Play a Game

**Are the following pictures
recyclable or not .
If not, why?**

Recyclable or Not



ANSWERS

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No, too light for conveyer belt needs to be in a bag.**
- 3. Yes**
- 4. No, cardboard with grease on it cannot be recycled.**
- 5. No, too small, needs to be on water bottle.**
- 6. No, doesn't break down, it will never biodegrade.**
- 7. Yes**
- 8. Yes**
- 9. Yes**

Electricity

Business ID: 366 Budget Amount \$105

Water/Sewer/Trash

**Business ID: 932 Budget Amount \$89-
\$114**

Gas

Business ID: 986 Budget Amount \$100