



# Ermineskin REA Ltd.

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## Performance Chart of the REA's

The chart shown below is a comparison of costs for power in a 6 month billing period between the competitive retailer's and some of the stand alone REA's in Alberta.

	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Average	Savings
<i>Enmax</i>	9.946	11.283	11.458	10.018	10.263	9.185	10.594	
<i>Direct Energy</i>	9.607	11.087	11.673	9.882	9.704	9.739	10.391	
<i>EPCOR</i>	9.613	10.99	11.101	9.939	9.925	10.267	10.314	
South Alta	9.148	11.383	10.596	9.281	9.2834	9.465	9.938	5%
<b>Ermineskin</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.99</b>	<b>9.34</b>	<b>12%</b>
North Parkland	8.3	11.5	8.7	9	9	10	9.3	12%
Armena	8.355	9.146	9.383	8.378	8.351	8.764	8.723	20%
Kingman	8.355	9.146	9.383	8.378	8.351	8.764	8.723	20%
Lakeland	8.355	9.146	9.383	8.378	8.351	8.764	8.723	20%
Willingdon	8.355	9.146	9.383	8.378	8.351	8.764	8.723	20%
Niton	8	8	8	9	9	9	8.4	24%

\*Rates are based on the RRO Rates provided by each retailer and are calculated as Cents per Kilowatt Hour (ie: 8.1 cents/kWh)

## News

### Welcome!

The Ermineskin REA Ltd. is pleased to announce and welcome **Gerald Wolfe** to the Board of Directors (*Elder's Position*) appointed by Chief & Council. We look forward to working with Mr. Wolfe & have heard nothing but great things about him.

Mr. Gerald Wolfe will be filling the shoe's of **Ms. Gladys Piche**, who was with the company when it first started as a retailer in November of 2005. Ms. Piche was dedicated & brought plenty of wisdom & team work to the Board. We hope to see Ms. Piche again one day on the Board! **Thank You Gladys!**

### We welcome back!

**Congratulations to Audrey Ward & Alex Littlechild!** Both Audrey & Alex completed a 2 year term. At the end of their terms they both decided to exercise their right to reapply for another term through the interview process & were both successful. The Ermineskin REA Ltd. is honored to have back two board members that have gained so much knowledge and experience in the utility world!

# Energy Saving Tips

## Quote

*"The Great Spirit is in all things, he is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the Earth is our Mother. She nourishes us, that which we put into the ground she returns to us...."*

**Big Thunder**

**(Bedagi) Wabanaki**



### Did you know?

that ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.



### Microwaves

- You can save up to 50% of your cooking energy costs by using a microwave oven instead of a conventional oven.

### Electric Kettles

- Kettles heat water more efficiently than a range-top element or a microwave oven. Choose one with an automatic shut-off button and a heat-resistant handle.

### Refrigerators

- Your refrigerator accounts for 11 percent of your household's total energy consumption.

- Energy-efficient refrigerators use 50% less energy than models made 10 years ago.
- ENERGY STAR® qualified refrigerators have a more energy-efficient compressor and better insulation than conventional models.

### Clothes Washers

- A water-level control or a small-load basket helps you save water when washing smaller loads.
- Front-loading clothes washers use about 40% less water per load and 50% less energy than top-loading models.

### Dryers

- A dryer with a sensor that turns the machine off automatically when clothes are dry helps save energy.
- You will get the most out of your clothes dryer if you clean the filter before every load.

### Freezers

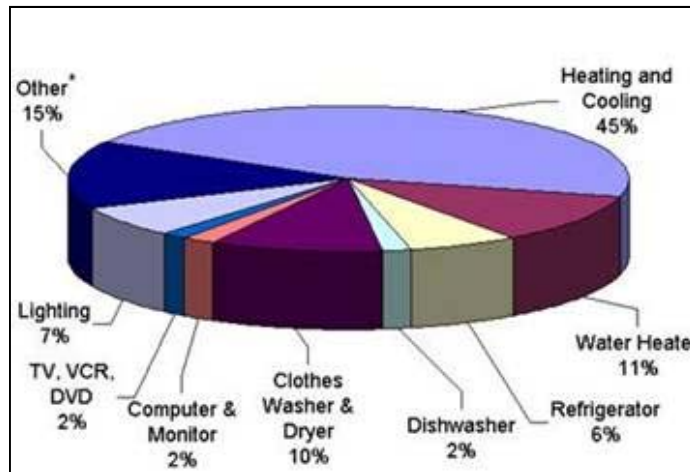
- Chest freezers are more energy efficient than upright models. Cold air stays in better when the door is opened.
- You can test your refrigerator or freezer door seal by closing it on a sheet of paper. Replace the seal if the paper slides out easily.

### Dishwashers

- Using a dishwasher saves energy. Five minutes of pre-rinsing dishes under the tap can use up to 115 litres of water.

### Ranges

- Self-cleaning ovens generally have more insulation than regular ovens. This means energy savings every time you cook.
- Turning on the interior light to check your dinner instead of opening the door makes the best use of your oven's energy.



**What does your energy bill pay for?**

## Contact Us

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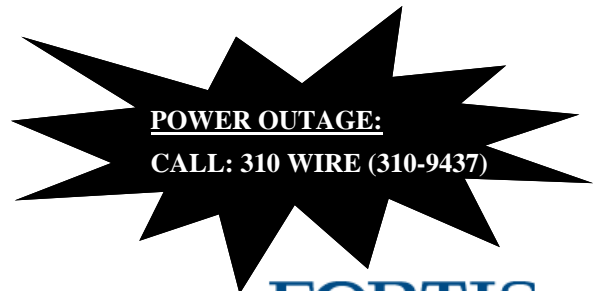
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