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New Cable Boxes Help Save Money And Energy

(NAPSA)—A growing number of consumers are getting the picture when it comes to energy and their cable box.

Surprising as it may sound, a cable box uses energy even when you're not watching TV. In fact, nearly two-thirds of energy use occurs when people are not watching TV or recording a show, costing Americans an estimated \$2 billion each year.



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A new kind of cable box is designed to help save energy and money.

A home with two standard boxes can use more electricity than a new refrigerator. To help, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program is partnering with pay-TV service providers to offer energy-efficient set-top boxes to their customers.

Qualified set-top boxes can power down when not in use and are designed to be at least 40 percent more energy efficient than other models. Experts say if every set-top box in the nation met ENERGY STAR requirements, it would save about \$1.8 billion a year and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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