

ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

Tips To Keep Your Hot Tub Running On Less Energy And Money

(NAPSA)—When it comes to energy efficiency, all hot tubs and spas are not created equal. For example, if you currently own an in-ground spa, consider instead a self-contained, portable spa that is well insulated and designed to ensure maximum energy efficiency.

When shopping for a hot tub, ask the retailer for documented estimated monthly operating costs. Make certain the energy estimations are provided by a non-biased, third party source. Multiply the average monthly power usage by the electricity cost quoted by your power company to estimate the impact a spa will have on your energy bill.

According to the makers of Hot Spring Spas, a leading brand of portable spas, a recent independent energy-consumption study indicates that a household can run a Hot Spring Sovereign Spa six times a week, at a temperature of 102 degrees Fahrenheit, for about \$20 per month. Actual costs will vary, depending upon the actual ambient temperature, usage and cost per kilowatt hour.

“In addition to continually looking for ways to make our products more efficient, we’re also



By following some simple tips, it's easy to enjoy the soothing benefits of a hot tub without finding yourself in hot water when you get your monthly electric bill.

committed to helping spa owners find ways to save energy and money while still enjoying all the benefits of their spa,” said Mike Dunn, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Hot Spring Spas.

If you currently own a spa, Dunn offers some simple conservation tips to ensure the lowest possible monthly operating costs:

- Reduce the spa temperature from 104 degrees to 102 degrees

Fahrenheit;

- Only drain, refill and reheat the spa when necessary (approximately every 3-4 months if used regularly);

- Keep spa water clean and fresh longer by using a water care system such as a Corona Discharge cell ozone system;

- Use a good quality solid foam cover with a customized fit, which forms a tight seal to retain heat and replace the spa cover if the interior foam is broken or water-saturated;

- Consider purchasing a cover removal system to extend the cover life and make removal easier;

- Use an energy-efficient insulating floating blanket to help retain heat and prolong the life of the solid foam cover; and

- If you currently own an in-ground spa, consider instead a self-contained, portable spa that is well insulated and designed to ensure maximum energy efficiency.

To learn more about specific energy-saving features to look for when purchasing a spa, visit www.hotspring.com. For more information about Hot Spring Spas, call (800) 401-2768.