



## Watt Watchers of Texas Project of the Month Club December 2007



### Project Idea: Turn It Off Campaign

Winter Break is just around the corner and there are a few things that we encourage you to do before you leave for the holiday. Start a **Turn It Off** campaign now so that no one forgets to turn off and unplug all the items that use energy (some things use energy even when they are off).

Make a flyer to put into the teachers' boxes that reminds them to turn things off before leaving the school each day. Save paper and send teachers an email that reminds them of all the items they should check before leaving for the Winter Break.

Below is a list of items that need to be turned off or unplugged.

1. Turn off all computer monitors and computers in your room.
2. Unplug refrigerators and microwaves in your classroom or teachers' lounge.
3. Take home any class pets or plants (check your school policy for aquariums).
4. Make sure all the lights are out.
5. Turn off other shared equipment like copy machines, printers, laminators, etc...
6. Close the windows and adjust your shades (open your shades if your classroom is south facing and close them if your classroom is north facing).
7. Unplug any seasonal decorations.
8. If you are in a portable make sure heaters are off or set back.
9. Turn off and unplug TV's - some are "instant on" and constantly draw electricity.
10. Unplug any rechargeable tools or other items - they are energy vampires!



Don't let the campaign die after the winter break. Keep reminding teachers and school staff to turn items off when not in use, and especially when they leave for the day.

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