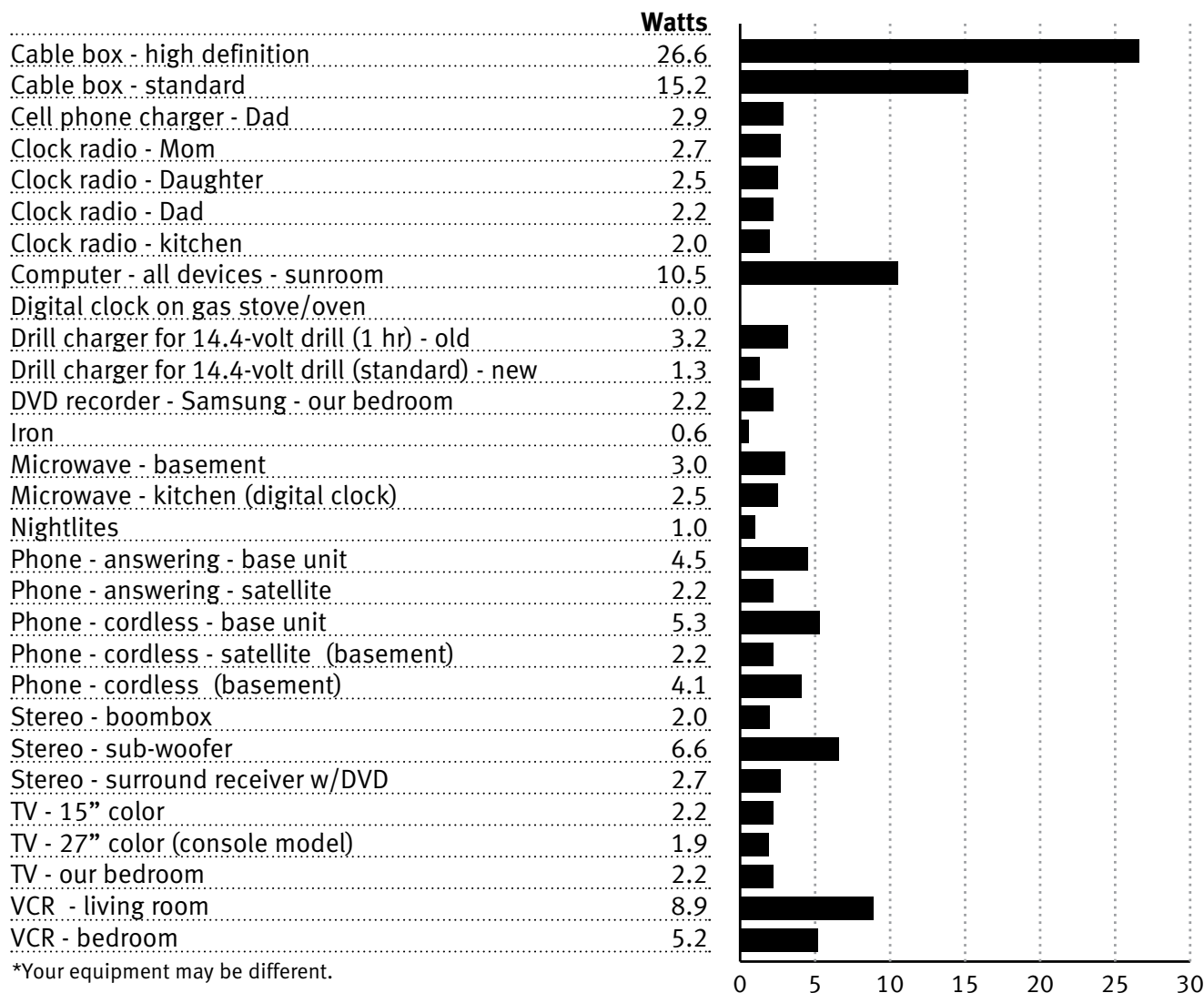


“Phantom” or “Standby” Electricity Users

One MGE Family’s Experience*

Borrow a portable energy meter from your local public library and you, too, can discover what your appliances are using in “standby” mode, even when they are shut off.



*Your equipment may be different.

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| Total Standby Watts | 128.4 |
| 24 hours/day | 3,081.6 watt hours |
| 365 days/year | 1,124,784 watt hours |
| divide by 1000 | 1,125 kilowatt-hours |
| Cost/kWh = \$0.12 | \$134.97 Annual cost |
| divide by 12 | \$11.25 Monthly cost |

Other potential “Standby” uses

- Plug-in air fresheners
- Garage door opener
- Doorbell
- Portable vacuum
- Baby monitor
- CO detector