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Product Review: Kill-A-Watt PS-10 Electricity Monitor and Surge Protector

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As part of the Energy Efficiency Ambassadors program, I tested a **Kill-A-Watt Energy Monitoring and Surge Protector power strip**. With the strip, I saved roughly 1 kWh a day by just turning on the strip when I was home and turning it off when I was leaving my house for work. Yes, it doesn't seem like a lot, but think about it in the big picture - that is 30 kWh for a month and 365 kWh a year (saving 1 kWh a day). I not only bought myself another power strip, but I put power strips in most of my house. Turning off everything at once and just turning things on and off as you use them can save you roughly \$5.00-\$10.00 on your monthly bill. If we improve our knowledge of energy efficiency standards, we can develop better alternative habits for using energy.

As an Energy Efficiency Ambassador, I also learned about the different ComEd programs. One of the programs that everyone should participate in is the **Home Energy Assessment**. The assessment is done by a certified technician/engineer that comes to your house and provides suggestions and, in some cases, free materials (lights, power strips, a programmable thermostat, etc.) that can save you energy and money. There are also many other programs that ComEd offers; they can be checked out at <https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/Default.aspx>. So go explore and don't be afraid to dive into the savings with any of them.



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