

Apartment Hunting?

Rent Isn't Your Only Cost

YOUR TOTAL COST OF OCCUPANCY

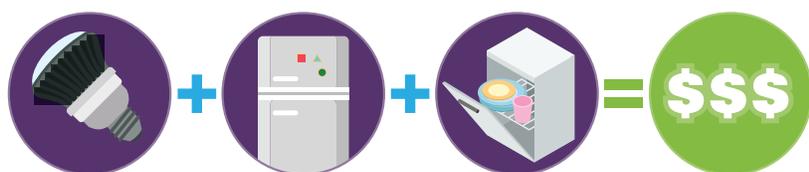
When searching for an apartment, the monthly rental rate is likely your number one priority. However, utilities can represent a significant monthly expense (often 10-15% of your rent). To really understand the cost of living in one apartment versus another, it's important to consider not just the monthly cost of rent, but also the monthly cost of utilities.

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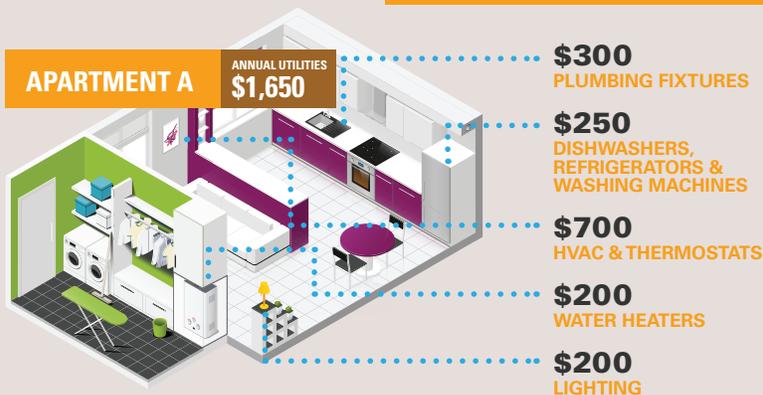


INTERPRETING YOUR UTILITY BILLS

The efficiency of appliances and products in your apartment such as lighting, heating, air conditioners, refrigerators, and water heaters determines your monthly energy bill. Likewise, the flow and flush rates of plumbing equipment like your toilet and shower can impact your monthly water bill.



HOW THE NUMBERS ADD UP



Let's compare two apartments. **Apartment A** contains conventional appliances and products while **Apartment B** contains ENERGY STAR® certified appliances and products. Assuming rental costs and your daily patterns are identical, renting Apartment B can save you up to \$675 a year or over \$55 a month.

ASK ABOUT ENERGY STAR® DURING YOUR APARTMENT SEARCH

- 1 What are my estimated monthly utility bills?
- 2 Does my apartment have ENERGY STAR® certified appliances & products?
- 3 Is this property ENERGY STAR® certified?

Remember to inspect appliances for the ENERGY STAR® label and to request documentation during your apartment tour to see if the building has ENERGY STAR® certifications or other sustainability initiatives. View a list of ENERGY STAR® certified properties, at energystar.gov/buildinglist and select "Multifamily Housing" from the facility types dropdown.



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More tips and information at ENERGYSTAR.GOV

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); American Housing Survey