



# ALL SAINTS PARISH

## *Environmental Stewardship*

### Utility Use and Cost



Stewardship is what we do. Cost is the consequence of what we do. With energy, cost is more than \$; it is also the impact on the planet and all who live thereon, today and into the future.

Monitoring utility use and cost can conserve energy, reduce your carbon footprint and save money. What's not to like! A good and easy way to monitor is to use MIP&L's spreadsheet tables for electricity, oil, gas, and water use and cost. These track long term changes in utility use and cost. ASP uses this method, entering

data monthly. You can get a simple Excel tool at <http://www.mipandl.org/ees.html> and the accompanying longer explanation of the UU&C spreadsheet and how to use it. It also helps calculate your carbon footprint from auto and air travel plus trash as well as utilities.

Monitoring utility use tells exactly how much is consumed which in turn helps identify which utility usage areas can be reduced. Looking at heating and cooling costs in relation to degree days shows if the building heating or cooling use pattern matches actual need, per the weather. This is also a great way to both prepare for a home energy audit. Having the auditor look at high energy use areas will make the audit more effective.

Over all, monitoring home energy use and cost helps to pin-point the time and reasons for your home (or workplace or school or day care) energy use, thus providing the information on which to act to help make good energy use decisions.