

Tips for using your Advanced Power Strip

Q: What is an APS?

A: APS stands for Advanced Power Strip. An APS helps to reduce the “standby or vampire power,” which is the energy electronics continue to draw when they are plugged in but turned off. This Tier 1 APS provided by Snohomish County PUD is best for computer and TV set ups with multiple devices or consoles.

Q: How does a Tier 1 APS work?

A: An APS works on a simple control/switched basis by utilizing three types of outlets: control, switched, and always on. For example, here’s how you would use the outlets for a home office/computer set up:

- Control Outlet: Your PC (laptop or desktop).
- Switched Outlet: Your monitor, printer, or other device that you do not use unless your computer is turned on.
- Always on Outlet: A lamp or other item not connected to your computer that you want to be able to turn on at any time.



Q: What is the difference between the “control” and “switched” outlets?

A: When a device like a TV or PC is plugged into the control outlet and turned on, the switched outlets will turn on and electronics plugged into them can be used. When the TV or PC is turned off, the electronics plugged into the switched outlets turn off.

Q: What is the threshold switch on the side?

A: A threshold switch controls the level of energy that is put out into the control outlet and shared to the other outlets. There are three levels: high (more energy), medium, and low (less energy). You can adjust the threshold switch at any time to produce more or less energy into the outlets depending on the device plugged into the control outlet.

Device Type	Threshold Switch Level
TV (50” or more)	High
Computer Desktop	High
TV (50” or less)	Medium
Laptop	Low

Q: What are the benefits of a Tier 1 Tricklestar APS?

A: Compared to standard power strips, a Tier 1 Tricklestar APS senses when a device is plugged into the control outlet, if the device is turned off, then the controlled outlets will not continue to draw electricity. This reduces the energy waste to save YOU money and helps to prolong the life of electronics.

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