



The Responsible Energy Use Challenge is a call for each program, as a team, to come up with a new project or action plan for the current quarter that will help create awareness about energy consumption, and reduce it. In order to participate and be considered for the end-of-quarter prize and/or recognition, programs should identify their project, activity or goal, describe what they did to accomplish it, track it over the quarter if possible, and hopefully take photos of their team doing it! **Choose a project/goal! Feel free to be creative! Try to make it a program effort! Of course, projects should not conflict with ColumbiaCare policy or OAR, current purchasing strategies, or interfere with client care. If you have a great idea, but aren't sure whether or not you need approval, please reach out and ask.**

DID YOU KNOW?

- >> The United States is the second biggest consumer of energy, after China.
- >> The average American uses approximately **313 billion BTU of energy**, while the worldwide average per person is around **75 million BTU**.

Source: electricchoice.com

From November 15 to February 15, think about ways to practice **RESPONSIBLE ENERGY USE** - and then send Chenoa (ccoviare@columbiacare.org) your activity with stories and pictures showing what your program has done to be entered into the drawing for a prize! Here are just a few examples of ways you could participate in this challenge:

- >> Reducing the amount of time you might spend using the TV or indoor lighting.
- >> Changing out your lightbulbs to more energy efficient bulbs.
- >> Turn off your electronics when not in use. ie: Computer, Printer, Kitchen electronics

Get Creative!

THANK YOU FROM THE:
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The purpose of the ColumbiaCare Sustainability Committee is to help provide education, create awareness, and encourage activities that are fun and promote sustainability in the following 4 quadrants:

- >> Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- >> Pollution Prevention
- >> Responsible Energy Use
- >> Product & Service Selection and Use