Municipal Behavior Wedge Profile Report

# Residential Energy Savings Opportunities in the City of Baltimore, Maryland

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# Baltimore has the opportunity to reduce residential energy consumption by 7.7% through behaviorally-focused programs.

Nationally and internationally, a growing body of research provides compelling evidence of the significant energy savings that can be achieved through shifts in the choices and behaviors of residents. In the United States, research findings suggests that the readily available savings from U.S. households could reduce energy consumption by roughly 9 percent (or 9 quadrillion BTUs) and carbon emissions by 7.4% in less than a decade – more than the total annual energy consumption of the United Kingdom (8.5 qBtu).

What are the implications of national level findings for the residents of Baltimore? While Baltimore and other cities continue to lead the charge in addressing energy and climate challenges, national level research findings have proven inadequate for informing municipal-level strategies due to differences in climate conditions, building stock characteristics, technology saturation, and social and cultural norms among other factors. The finding presented in this report are meant to help fill the information void. This report represents an innovative effort to use existing data sources to develop city-specific indicators of the achievable energy savings that could be attained through behaviorally-focused programs in Baltimore. As such, the savings estimates presented here provide a first look at the behavioral *opportunity landscape* with the expectation that the reader will use additional data sources – including their own primary research – to supplement, triangulate, and evaluate the information presented in this report and to develop specific program goals, strategies, and tactics.

By identifying and quantifying the most promising behavior-related opportunities at the city level, the Municipal Behavior Wedge Project provides cities and organizations with an opportunity to develop more targeted and strategic programs and achieve greater savings.

#### WHAT IS BEHAVIOR CHANGE?

We define it as changing how PEOPLE use resources through:



#### CONSERVATION ACTIONS:

Turning off electronics, appliances and devices when not in use, consolidating equipment, and minimizing demand through planning and design..



#### **TECHNOLOGY USE PATTERNS:**

Maximizing the efficiency of existing technologies (HVAC systems, appliances, electronics and other devices) through proper maintenance, technology settings, use patterns and choices between existing technologies.



# TECHNOLOGY PURCHASING DECISIONS:

Accelerating the adoption of energyefficient appliances, electronics, and equipment.

Learn more about the Behavior Wedge Profile Project

### **OUR METHODOLOGY**

Estimates of **achievable savings** are developed using data from the 2009 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) and the Census Bureau as well as special insights gleaned from both a set of expert advisors as well as a wide variety of research reports on buildings, energy, and behavioral programs.



- Population & demographic information
- Housing stock characteristics
- Economic & poverty measures

#### **RECS DATA** (Residential Energy Consumption Survey)

- Technology saturation & housing characteristics
- Technology use patterns
- Energy consumption data

#### **3** EXPERT INSIGHTS & LITERATURE REVIEW

- Household participation rates
- Energy savings estimates
- Compliance rates



Measures of achievable savings represent a conservative estimate of the energy savings that could be achieved through the actions reviewed in this report. For each behavior, *achievable savings* are calculated by multiplying: energy consumption x the proportion of households who are eligible to participate in the behavior x the estimated participation rate x estimated rate of energy savings. Estimates of btus presented in this report are rough estimates and are meant to serve as indicators of the general magnitude of the savings opportunity rather than precise estimates.

### **INSIDE THIS REPORT, YOU WILL FIND:**

- Estimates of achievable short and mid-term savings opportunities for both single and multi-family housing sectors
- A ranking of the behaviors that offer the largest savings opportunities given Baltimore's particular climate, building characteristics, and technology use patterns
- Contextual information concerning Baltimore's demographic characteristics and building stock
- A detailed review of energy savings opportunities for each energy end use from heating and cooling to appliances, electronics and lighting

### WHY PEOPLE-CENTERED INITIATIVES ARE EFFECTIVE

Focusing on PEOPLE first offers a variety of benefits, including:



#### **SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS**

The medium-term estimates of achievable energy savings for most cities are between 7 and 12 % of residential consumption.



#### FASTER RESULTS

Shifting away from wasteful energy practices toward greater efficiency is something everyone can do at any time



#### LOWER PROGRAM COST

People-centered initiatives require fewer financial resources to implement when compared to technology-focused programs.



#### Learn more about

Our Methodology by requesting the methodology report: <u>The Municipal Behavior Wedge</u> <u>Project: Modeling Methodology</u>

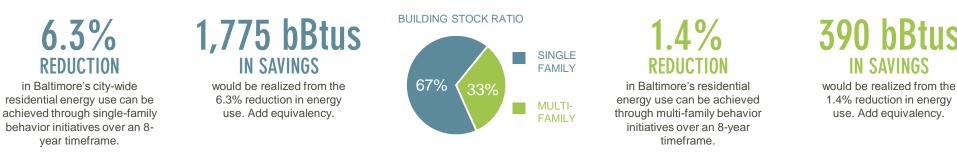


6.3%

REDUCTION

year timeframe.

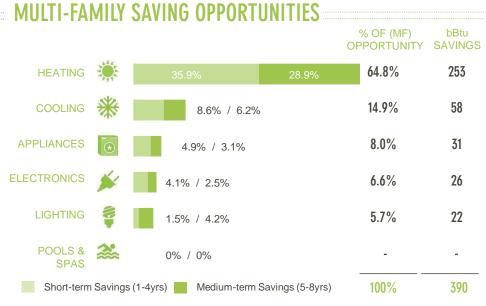
Baltimore's opportunity to reduce residential energy consumption by 7.7% using behavior change programs is predominantly in the single-family market.



#### SINGLE-FAMILY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES % OF (SF) bBtu OPPORTUNITY SAVINGS 52.7% 936 HEATING 20.4% COOLING 8.6% 153 5.5% / 3.1% 19.4% 344 **APPLIANCES** (\* 10.7% / 8.7% **ELECTRONICS** 3.9% 69 2.4% / 1.5% LIGHTING 6.6% 117 2.5% / 4.1% POOLS & 8.9% 157 4.7% / 4.1% SPAS Short-term Savings (1-4yrs) Medium-term Savings (5-8yrs) 100% 1.776

### Summary of Opportunities:

- By engaging with residents of single-family households, Baltimore has the • opportunity to reduce total residential energy consumption by 6.3%. These savings represent a 7.9% reduction in the current energy used by singlefamily homes.
- A focus on the 10 most impactful behaviors, could result in medium-term savings • of 5.9% compared to current, single-family energy demand.



### Summary of Opportunities:

- By engaging with residents of multi-family households, Baltimore has the . opportunity to reduce total residential energy consumption by 1.4%. These savings represent a 7.0% reduction in the current energy used by multi-family homes.
- A focus on the 10 most impactful behaviors, could result in medium-term savings • of 5.3% compared to current, multi-family energy demand.



# **TOP 10** ENERGY SAVING BEHAVIORS

Opportunities represent combined single and multifamily savings in the medium-term. 1,630 bBtus

Can be achieved through these 10 behaviors

# 5.8% REDUCTION

in Baltimore's residential energy use can be achieved through these 10 behaviors

### HEATING & COOLING Home Weatherization

The large number of old and drafty homes in Baltimore mean that caulking, weather stripping and duct sealing can save a lot of heat.

345 bBtus

OF ENERGY

SAVINGS

**15.9%** OF TOTAL OPPORTUNITY HEATING Conservation Actions

By closing doors and ducts and reducing heat in unused rooms, households can reduce energy waste.

10.8% 235 bBtus OF TOTAL OPPORTUNITY SAVINGS

#### HEATING Thermostat Settings & Setbacks

Thermostats should be set at or near EPA recommended temperatures and set back further at night and when no one is home.

10.2% OF TOTAL OPPORTUNITY SAVINGS

#### HEATING Accelerated Heating Equip. Replacement

Programs that encourage people to replace inefficient heating equipment before it breaks down can save a lot of energy.

9.7% 210 bBtus OF TOTAL OF ENERGY SAVINGS

### APPLIANCES Unplug 2nd Refrigerator

An estimated 37% of singlefamily households in Baltimore have a second (generally inefficient) refrigerator. Recycled it could save a lot of energy..

8.3% OF TOTAL OPPORTUNITY 181 bBtus OF ENERGY SAVINGS

### HEATING Equipment Maintenance

Annual maintenance of heating equipment and replacement of filters ensures greater efficiency.

4.8% OF TOTAL OPPORTUNITY AVINGS

#### HEATING Window Insulation

An estimated 40% of Baltimore's homes have single pane windows. Using storm windows, window film and thermal window coverings could reduce heat loss.

4.3% OF TOTAL OPPORTUNITY 94 bBtus OF ENERGY SAVINGS

### LIGHTING Install Energy Efficient Bulbs

CFL saturation in Baltimore is estimated at 15%. Installing more CFLS (and other efficient bulbs) can still have a big impact.

4.2% OF TOTAL OPPORTUNITY 91 bBtus OF ENERGY SAVINGS

#### POOLS Increase Use of Pool Pump Timers

Most households with pools, either don't have a pump timer or fail to set it properly. Timers can reduce the hours of pump running time.

3.6%	77 bBtus
OF TOTAL	OF ENERGY
OPPORTUNITY	SAVINGS

## **10** APPLIANCES

#### Clothes Washer Conservation

An estimated 50% of Baltimore's households wash primarily in cold water. Cold water wash and load consolidation can reduce hot water use.

3.4% 73 bBtus OF TOTAL OF ENERGY OPPORTUNITY SAVINGS



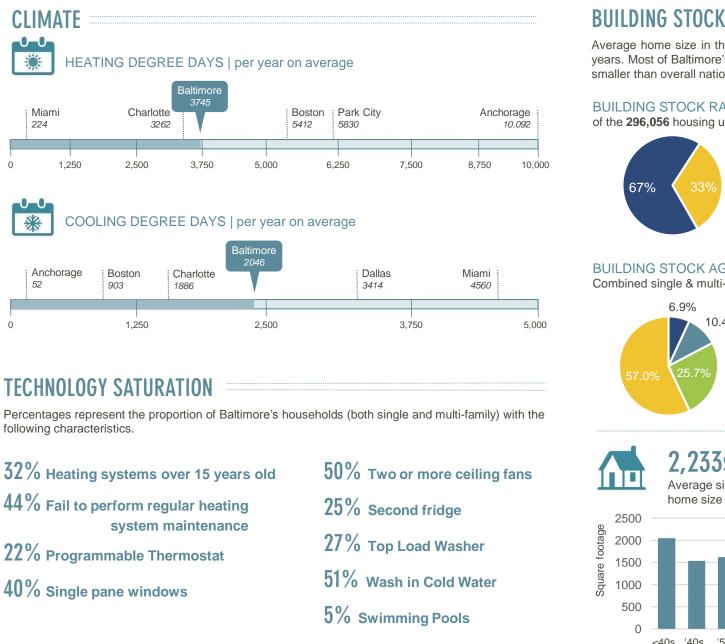
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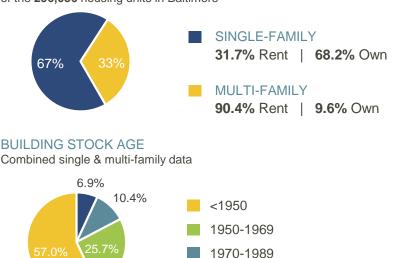
Every city is different. Multiple factors were considered when developing the achievable energy savings estimates for Baltimore.

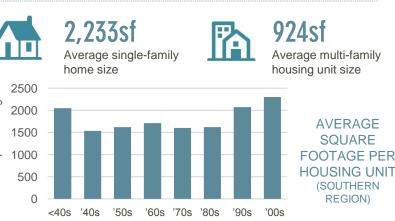


Average home size in the US has been increasing over the past 60 years. Most of Baltimore's housing stock was built before 1970 and is smaller than overall national averages or even state averages.

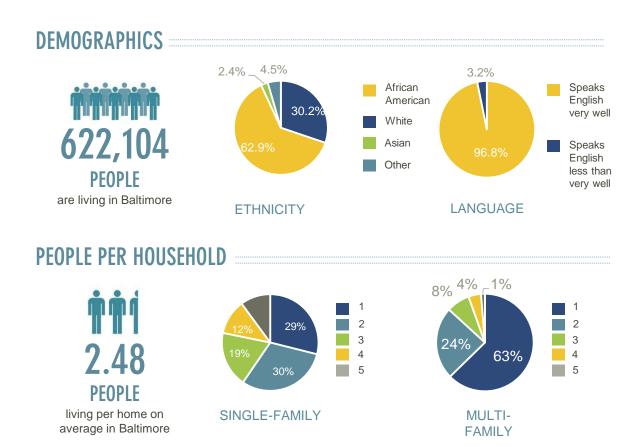
#### **BUILDING STOCK RATIO**

of the 296,056 housing units in Baltimore





1990-2009

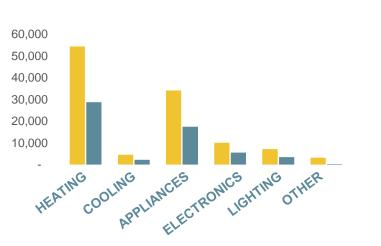


### **CURRENT USAGE PATTERN**

Single-family homes use roughly twice as much energy a year compared to multi-family units

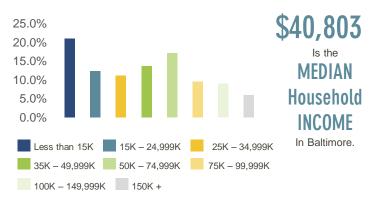
SINGLE-FAMILY **113,165 tBtus** Average annual energy use

MULTI-FAMILY 57,548 tBtus Average annual energy use



#### HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Median household income in Baltimore is \$40,803, however median income among renters (\$26,861) is less than half the median income of owners (\$59,923). Nearly a quarter of Baltimore's adult residents (23.4%) live below the poverty line.



#### HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Single-family homes are more likely to have youth, teens and older adults living in them. Young adults and elderly residents are equally likely to be found in single-family or multi-family homes.

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NON-FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS	47.6%	<ul><li>Living ale</li><li>65+ year</li></ul>	
EDUCATION I	LEVEL		
<b>18.4%</b>	25.9% HIGH SCHOOL	26.3% SOME COLLEGE	<b>29.3%</b> COLLEGE DEGREE OR

MORE



# HEATING

offers the greatest savings opportunities of all end-uses in Baltimore

Heating offers 54.9% of Baltimore's total achievable saving opportunity (7.7%). Potential savings vary across range of heatingrelated behaviors and decisions including weatherization, conservation, and thermostat settings and setbacks. Compared with other energy end uses, heating-related practices are particularly important in Baltimore due to the large number of heating degree days combined with the disproportionately high age of the housing stock.

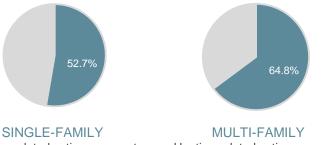
### 13,605 bBtus OF FNFRGY

is used for heating single and multi-family homes annually.

8.7% REDITION

of current energy use for heating is possible through the behavior related activities identified in the following pages.

#### ESTIMATES OF ACHIEVABLE SAVINGS FROM HEATING



Heating-related actions account for 52.7% of energy savings opportunities in single-family homes - with potential savings of 936 billion btus of energy per year by year 8.



opportunities in multi-family homes – with potential savings of 253 billion btus of energy per year by year 8.

#### **KFY FINDINGS**

Weatherization Represents the Largest Savings Opportunity. Given the age of the housing stock, households could reduce their heating-related energy consumption by 326 billion btus per year through a variety of weatherization activities. The use of window insulation could boost those estimated savings by an additional 94 billion btus.

Conservation and Waste Reduction Practices also offer high levels of achievable savings. Both single-family and multi-family homes could significantly reduce their heat-related energy consumption through waste reduction strategies that include closing heating vents in unused rooms, closing doors to unused rooms and using draft protection strategies such as draft stoppers. Such strategies are likely to reduce energy consumption by 235 billion btus.

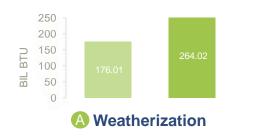
Thermostat Settings and Setbacks represent the second most effective heating-related strategy in single-family homes and would reduce Baltimore's heating demand by 193 billion btus. Programs designed to install and set programmable thermostats will be essential to unlocking the achievable savings estimates.

The Accelerated Replacement of Heating Equipment could reduce current heating demand by 210 billion btus with 76% of the estimated savings coming from single-family homes. (The estimates presented here do not include potential savings that require actions by a landlord or facilities manager).

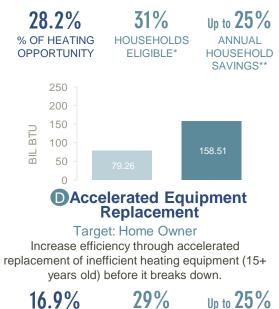


# Single-family energy saving opportunities

Left hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 4.



Target: Home Owner & Renter Minimize heat loss through caulking, weather stripping and duct sealing.



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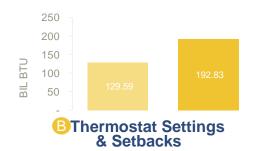
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	Up to <b>25%</b>
DS	ANNUAL
	HOUSEHOLD
	SAVINGS**

## 8.6% SAVINGS

in current heating demand is achievable through the identified behaviors. Single-family households in Baltimore are currently an estimated 10,842 bBtus annually.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.

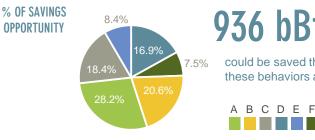


**Target: Home Owner & Renters** Set thermostats at EPA recommended settings (58 at night and away, 68 during the day when someone is home).

91% 20.6% 4.6% ANNUAL % OF HEATING HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLD **OPPORTUNITY** FLIGIBLE\* SAVINGS\*\* 250 200 BTU 150 ВГ 100 50 78.68 0 Window Insulation

Target: Home Owner & Renters Minimize heat loss by using storm windows, window film and thermal window coverings.

8.4%	42%	5.7%
% OF HEATING	HOUSEHOLDS	ANNUAL
OPPORTUNITY	ELIGIBLE*	HOUSEHOLD
		SAVINGS**



936 bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.

	250		
	200 -		
2	150 -		
IL BTU	100 -		171.79
Ξ	50 -		
	0		
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#### Target: Home Owner & Renters

Reduce energy waste by closing doors and ducts and reducing heat in unused rooms.

18.4% % OF HEATING OPPORTUNITY 250 200 - 150 - 150 - 100 - 50 -	71% HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE*	<b>5.6%</b> ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS**
Target: I Increase perf	eating Equip Maintenanc Home Owner & ormance of heati eaning/service an furnace filters.	e Renters ng equipment
<b>7.5%</b>		<b>5%</b>

% OF HEATING HOUSEHOLDS **OPPORTUNITY** ELIGIBLE\*

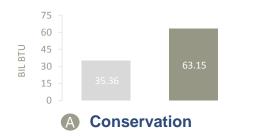
ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

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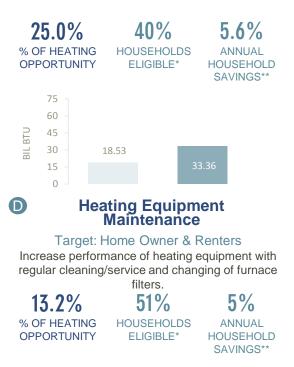


# saving opportunities

Left hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 4.



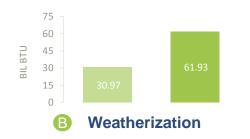
Target: Home Owner & Renters Reduce energy waste by closing doors and ducts and reducing heat in unused rooms.



## 9.2% SAVINGS

in current heating demand is achievable through the identified behaviors. Multi-family households in Baltimore are currently using an estimated 2,763 bBtus annually.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.





24.5% 17% Up to 25% ANNUAL % OF HEATING HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLD **OPPORTUNITY** FLIGIBLE\* SAVINGS\*\* 75 60 45 BTU 30 ВГ 15 0 E Thermostat Settings & Setbacks

Target: Home Owner & Renters Set thermostats at EPA recommended settings (58 at night and away, 68 during the day when someone is home). 11.2 4.6%

ANNUAL

HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

11.2%	60%
% OF HEATING	HOUSEHOLDS
OPPORTUNITY	ELIGIBLE*

% OF SAVINGS 5.9% **OPPORTUNITY** 20.2% 13.2% 253 bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.

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#### **C** Accelerated Equipment Replacement

Target: Home Owner

Increase efficiency through accelerated replacement of inefficient heating equipment (15+ years old) before it breaks down.

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DT	45 -		
BIL BTU	30 -		
	15 - 0 -	9.98	14.97
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M	0	: Home Owne at loss by usin	er & Renters

e neat loss by using storm windows, window film and thermal window coverings.

5.9%	37%	5.7%
% OF HEATING	HOUSEHOLDS	ANNUAL
OPPORTUNITY	ELIGIBLE*	HOUSEHOLD
		SAVINGS**

\*Household eligibility is determined independently for each behavior. More information is available in the methodology report.



# **COOLING**

Accounts for a large proportion of electricity demand during summer months

**Cooling-related behaviors can provide nearly 10% of Baltimore's total achievable saving opportunity (7.7%).** Cooling-related energy demand is an important contributor to peak electricity loads during Baltimore's hot and humid summer months. Current estimates indicate that 54% of households have central AC and 29% have central AC units that are at least 10 years old. Higher temperatures associated with global climate change are likely to extend the number of days per year that households rely on air conditioning.

# 1,107 bBtus

is used for cooling in both single and multi-family homes annually.

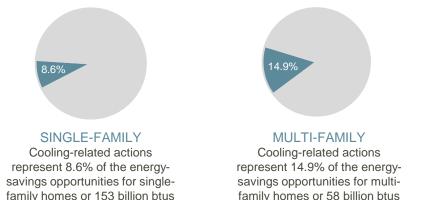
of energy per year by year 8

### **19%** REDUCTION

of current energy use for cooling is possible through the behavior related activities identified in the following pages.

of energy per year by year 8.

#### ESTIMATES OF ACHIEVABLE SAVINGS FROM COOLING



#### **KEY FINDINGS**

**Increasing the prevalence and use of ceiling fans represents the largest opportunity to reduce cooling-related energy consumption.** Currently, only half of all households have 2 or more ceiling fans (only 17% of multi-family households). Of those, 55% report using their fans infrequently. The use of ceiling fans can reduce reliance on air conditioning during moderately warm spells and can help people to increase their thermostat settings while maintaining comfortable conditions. Ceiling fans could help Baltimore residents save 66 billion btus per year.

Reducing solar heat gain through the use of window film, blinds and shades could reduce cooling-related energy consumption by nearly 32 billion btus. Both single-family and multi-family homes could benefit by covering south and west-facing windows during the hottest hours of the day.

Thermostat settings and setbacks represent 13% of coolingrelated savings opportunities. If 40% of eligible households set their thermostats to the EPA-recommended settings, Baltimore could save 27 billion btus per year. Additional savings could be achieved through the use of more aggressive setbacks during vacations.

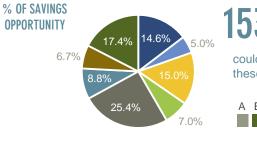
**The Accelerated Replacement of Cooling Equipment** could reduce current cooling demand by 30 billion btus with 75% of the estimated savings coming from single-family homes. (The estimates presented here do not include potential savings that require actions by a landlord or facilities manager. Old AC units in multi-family buildings are likely to represent significant opportunities for additional savings).





behaviors. Single-family homes in Baltimore are currently using an estimated 899 bBtus annually.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.

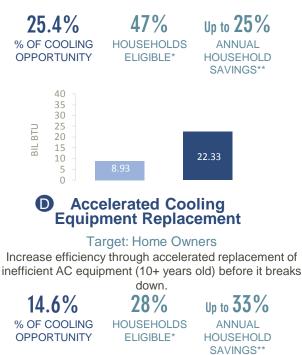


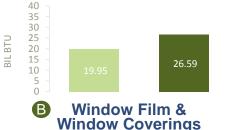
153 bBtus could be saved through these behaviors alone.





**Target: Home Owners & Renters** Increase the prevalence and frequency of use of fans and reduce AC use.

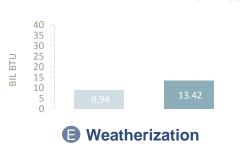




**Target: Home Owners and Renters** Reduce solar heat gain and energy loss through the use of reflective film and window coverings.

17.4% % OF COOLING **OPPORTUNITY** 

Up to 13.2% 57% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLD FLIGIBLE\* SAVINGS\*\*



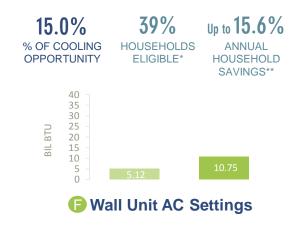
**Target: Primarily Home Owners** Minimize the loss of cool air through caulking, weather stripping and duct sealing.

8.8%	11%	Up to <b>30%</b>
% OF COOLING	HOUSEHOLDS	ANNUAL
OPPORTUNITY	ELIGIBLE*	HOUSEHOLD
		SAVINGS**



Target: Home Owners and Renters

Set thermostats at EPA recommended temps (82 at night,88 away, 78 during the day when someone is home).



**Target: Primarily Renters** Set thermostats at EPA recommended temperatures and turn off when no one is at home.

7.0%	36%	Up to <b>11.4%</b>
% OF COOLING OPPORTUNITY	HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE*	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS**

\*Household eligibility is determined independently for each behavior. More information is available in the methodology report.





Target: Home Owners and Renters Reducing energy waste by closing doors and ducts and reducing heat in unused rooms.

6.7% % OF COOLING OPPORTUNITY

46% HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE\*

6.1% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

### ....Continued

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



# Cooling Equipment Maintenance

Target: Home Owners and Renters Increase performance of cooling equipment with regular cleaning/service and changing of filters.

32%

HOUSEHOLDS

ELIGIBLE\*

5.0% % OF COOLING **OPPORTUNITY** 

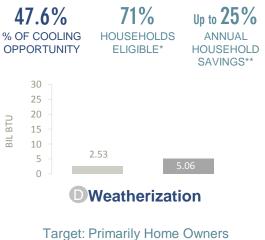


\*Household eligibility is determined independently for each behavior. More information is available in the methodology report. \*\*Estimates of annual households savings are for participating households.





Target: Home Owners and Renters Increase the prevalence and frequency of use of fans and reduce AC use.



Minimize the loss of cool air through caulking, weather stripping and duct sealing.

8.7%	9%	Up to <b>30%</b>
% OF COOLING	HOUSEHOLDS	ANNUAL
OPPORTUNITY	ELIGIBLE*	HOUSEHOLD
		SAVINGS**

## 27.9% SAVINGS

in current cooling demand is achievable through the identified behaviors. Multi-family homes in Baltimore are currently using an estimated 208 bBtus annually.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



#### B Accelerated Cooling Equipment Replacement

Target: Home Owners Increase efficiency through accelerated replacement of inefficient AC equipment (10+ years old) before it breaks down.

Up to 33%

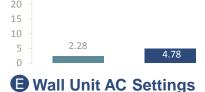
ANNUAL

HOUSEHOLD

SAVINGS\*\*

13.0% % OF COOLING OPPORTUNITY 30 25 -20 -15 -

BIL



Target: Primarily Renters Set thermostats at EPA recommended

temperatures and turn off when no one is at home.

8.2%	34%	Up to <b>11.4%</b>
% OF COOLING	HOUSEHOLDS	ANNUAL
OPPORTUNITY	ELIGIBLE*	HOUSEHOLD
		SAVINGS**



58 bBtus

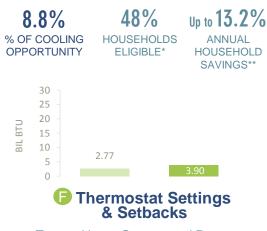
could be saved through these behaviors alone.





#### Target: Home Owners and Renters

Reduce solar heat gain and energy loss through the use of reflective film and window coverings.

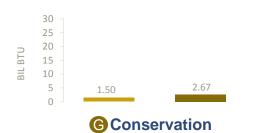


Target: Home Owners and Renters Set thermostats at EPA recommended temps (82 at night,88 away, 78 during the day when someone is home)

6.7%	<b>30%</b>	Up to <b>15.6%</b>
% OF COOLING OPPORTUNITY	HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE*	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS**

\*Household eligibility is determined independently for each behavior. More information is available in the methodology report.





#### Target: Home Owners and Renters Reducing energy waste by closing doors and ducts and reducing heat in unused rooms.

4.6% % OF COOLING OPPORTUNITY

22% HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE\*

6.1% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

### ....Continued

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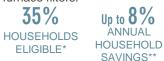
#### 0 **Cooling Equipment** Maintenance

Target: Home Owners and Renters Increase performance of cooling equipment with regular cleaning/service and changing of furnace filters.

35%

ELIGIBLE\*

2.4% % OF COOLING **OPPORTUNITY** 



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# **APPLIANCES**

Represent the second largest source of achievable energy savings in single family homes

Changing appliance-related behaviors can provide nearly 17% of Baltimore's total achievable saving opportunity (7.7%). The refrigeration of food and beverages, wasteful hot water practices, and laundry routines comprise some of the biggest opportunities for savings. Such opportunities are particularly important in single-family homes because they typically contain a disproportionately larger number of appliances and residents are more likely to have direct control over water heater settings and maintenance decisions.

# 8,475 bBtus

4.4% REDUCTION

is used for appliances in both single and multi-family homes annually.

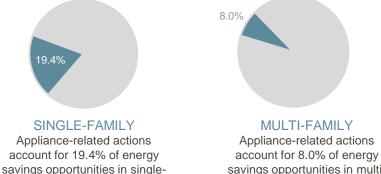
family homes - with potential

savings of 344 billion btus of

energy per year by year 8.

of current energy use for appliances is possible through the behavior related activities identified in the following pages.

#### ESTIMATES OF ACHIEVABLE SAVINGS FROM APPLIANCES



account for 8.0% of energy savings opportunities in multifamily homes – with potential savings of 31 billion btus of energy per year by year 8

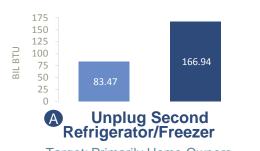
#### **KEY FINDINGS**

Reducing the plug load from second refrigerators and stand alone freezers provides the largest appliance-related savings opportunity in Baltimore. Approximately 37% of single-family households have a second – usually very inefficient – refrigerator while 1/3 of households have a stand alone freezer. Unplugging or recycling these devices could help Baltimore residents save 180 billion btus per year.

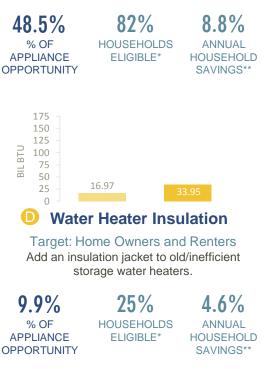
Laundry routines offer another important source of energy savings in Baltimore. By encouraging more households to wash clothes in cold water, reduce the number of laundry loads per week, and air dry a larger proportion of their clothes, Baltimore could reduce household energy consumption by 120 billion btus per year. (These estimates do not include the additional savings that could come from a shift in laundry practices in Laundromats and other locations outside of the home.)

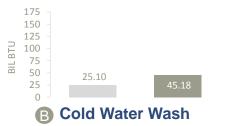
Making hot water available 24/7 uses a lot of energy, but a few simple strategies can reduce residential demand without large investments. By reducing water heater settings to 120 degrees and ensuring that hot water heaters are well insulated, Baltimore residents could save an estimated 65 billion btus of energy per year. Approximately 25% of both single-family and multi-family households have water heaters that are at least 10 years old and that don't have any added insulation.





Target: Primarily Home Owners Unplug and/or recycle old, inefficient or sparsely used second refrigerators and stand alone freezers.





5.1%

SAVINGS

in current appliance demand is

achievable through the identified

behaviors. Single-family households in Baltimore are currently using an

estimated 6,796 bBtus annually.

Target: Home Owners and Renters Switch from warm to cold water for clothes washing.

13.1% % OF APPLIANCE **OPPORTUNITY** 

**OPPORTUNITY** 

46% 2.6% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLD FLIGIBLE\* SAVINGS\*\*





SAVINGS\*\*



344 bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.

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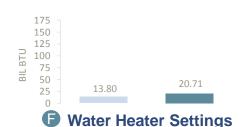


Target: Home Owners and Renters Hang dry a portion of laundry using hangers, drying racks and clothes lines.

96% 12.8% % OF HOUSEHOLDS APPLIANCE ELIGIBLE\* **OPPORTUNITY** 

1.9% ANNUAL

HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*



Target: Home Owners and Renters Reduce water heater settings to 120 degrees.

6.0%	30%	2.2%
% OF APPLIANCE OPPORTUNITY	HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE*	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS**

\*Household eligibility is determined independently for each behavior. More information is available in the methodology report.



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Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



Target: Home Owners and Renters Accelerate the replacement of old clothes washers with high efficiency models.

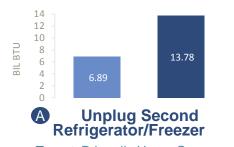
2.5% % OF APPLIANCE OPPORTUNITY 24% 2% HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE\* ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*



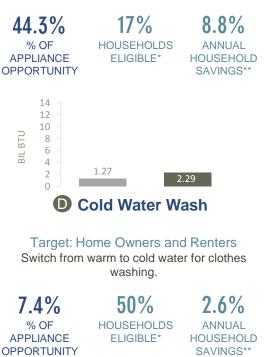


# saving opportunities

Left hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 4.



**Target: Primarily Home Owners** Unplug and/or recycle old, inefficient or sparsely used second refrigerators and stand alone freezers.



### 1.9% SAVINGS

in current appliance demand is achievable through the identified behaviors. Multi-family households in Baltimore are currently using an estimated 1,680 bBtus annually.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



Target: Home Owners and Renters Add an insulation jacket to old/inefficient storage water heaters.

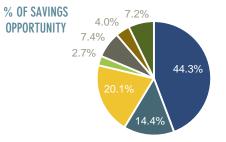
20.1% % OF APPLIANCE **OPPORTUNITY** 





Target: Home Owners and Renters Hang dry a portion of laundry using hangers, drying racks and clothes lines.

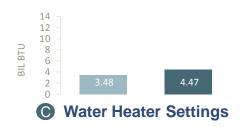
7.2%	22%	1.9%
% OF	HOUSEHOLDS	ANNUAL
APPLIANCE	ELIGIBLE*	HOUSEHOLD
OPPORTUNITY		SAVINGS**



**31 bBtus** 

could be saved through these behaviors alone.

Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G



Target: Home Owners and Renters Reduce water heater settings to 120 degrees.

<b>14.4%</b> % OF APPLIANCE OPPORTUNITY	<b>30%</b> HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE*	<b>2.2%</b> ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS**			
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Eoad Reductions					

Target: Home Owners and Renters Reduce the number of laundry loads by 20% each week.

4.0%	22%	0.8%
% OF APPLIANCE OPPORTUNITY	HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE*	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS**

\*Household eligibility is determined independently for each behavior. More information is available in the methodology report.





Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



Target: Home Owners and Renters Accelerate the replacement of old clothes washers with high efficiency models.

5%

2.7% % OF APPLIANCE **OPPORTUNITY** 

2% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE\* HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*





# **ELECTRONICS**

### **Represent a rapidly growing source of energy demand and energy savings**

Electronics represent a rapidly growing source of household energy demand and a readily available source of savings. Electronics-related actions can provide at least 4.4% of Baltimore's total achievable saving opportunity (7.7%). By focusing on concentrated electronics plug loads associated with entertainment systems and home office systems, the effort to reduce consumption is greatly simplified. Additional savings can be achieved by creating and managing centralized charging stations for the growing number of small electronics devices.

# 2,541 bBtus

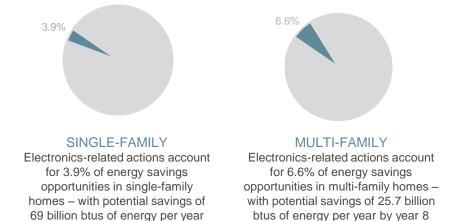
**3.7%** REDUCTION

is used for electronics in single and multi-family homes annually.

by year 8

of current energy use for electronics is possible through the behavior related activities identified in the following pages.

#### ESTIMATES OF ACHIEVABLE SAVINGS FROM ELECTRONICS



#### **KEY FINDINGS**

Reducing the plug load and vampire load from home entertainment systems provides the largest electronics-related savings opportunity in Baltimore. Roughly 45% of US households have three or more televisions and many are connected to a range of peripheral devices such as digital video recorders, gaming systems and audio systems. Conservative estimates of achievable savings for Baltimore indicate that the use of smart strips (to ensure that all home entertainment devices are turned off when not in use) could help Baltimore residents save at least 42 billion btus per year.

Managing the plug load from home office equipment offers another important source of energy savings in Baltimore. More than three-quarters of US households have at least one computer while one-third of households have two or more. By encouraging more households to use smart strips with their home office systems, Baltimore could reduce household energy consumption by at least 18 billion btus per year.

Better management of miscellaneous plug loads can reduce residential demand even further by minimizing energy waste associated with leaving devices turned on when nobody is using them, using energy-inefficient settings, or leaving devices plugged in when fully charged. By reducing these sources of energy waste, households in Baltimore could reduce energy consumption by at least 25 billion btus.

Accelerating the shift from desktops to laptops could provide additional annual savings of more than 10 billion btus.

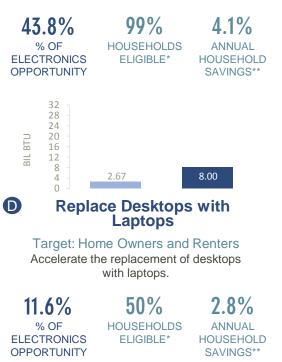


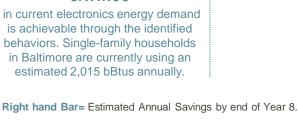
Single-family energy saving opportunities

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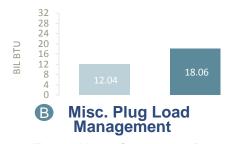
Target: Home Owners and Renters Use smart strips to reduce vampire loads (standby power consumption) of home entertainment equip.





3.4%

**SAVINGS** 



Target: Home Owners and Renters Use energy efficient settings on computers, turn off TVs and video games, and use smart strip timers for charging

devices.

100%

FLIGIBLE\*

26.2% % OF **ELECTRONICS** 

**OPPORTUNITY** 

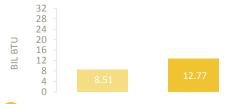
3.3% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

% OF SAVINGS **OPPORTUNITY** 11.6% 26.2%

69 bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.





#### Home Office Vampire Load Management

Target: Home Owners and Renters

Use smart strips to reduce vampire loads (standby power consumption) of office equipment.

**59%** 

**ELIGIBLE\*** 

18.5% % OF

4.2%

**ELECTRONICS OPPORTUNITY** 

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLDS SAVINGS\*\*

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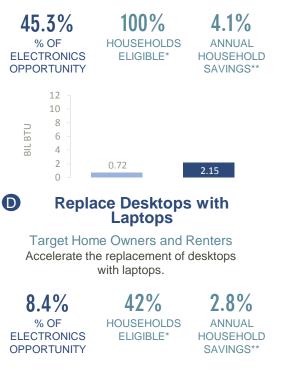


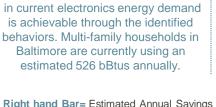
### **Multi-family energy** saving opportunities

Left hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 4.



Target: Home Owners and Renters Use smart strips to reduce vampire loads (standby power consumption) of home entertainment equip.





4.9%

SAVINGS

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



#### Misc. Plug Load Management

Target: Home Owners and Renters Use energy efficient settings on computers, turn off TVs and video games, and use smart strip timers for charging devices

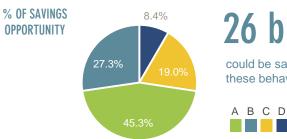
100%

FLIGIBLE\*

27.3% % OF **ELECTRONICS** 

**OPPORTUNITY** 

3.3% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*



**26** bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.



#### Home Office Plug Load Management

Target: Home Owners and Renters

Use smart strips to reduce vampire loads (standby power consumption) of office equipment

19.0% % OF

45%

4.2%

**ELECTRONICS OPPORTUNITY** 

HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE\*

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*



# LIGHTING

**Continues to provide opportunities for energy savings** 

Lighting offers 6.4% of Baltimore's total achievable saving opportunity (7.7%). These savings are rooted in the choice to use more energy-efficient light bulbs (CFLs and LEDs) as well as enhancing household energy conservation practices. Among single-family homes, reducing hours of outdoor lighting offers a notable savings opportunity.

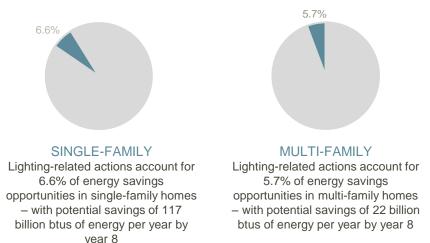
# 1,758 bBtus

is used for lighting in both single and multi-family homes annually.

# 7.9%

of current energy use for lighting is possible through the behavior related activities identified in the following pages.

#### ESTIMATES OF ACHIEVABLE SAVINGS FROM LIGHTING



#### **KEY FINDINGS**

The most sizeable energy savings from lighting can be achieved by increasing the saturation rate of energy efficient light bulbs throughout Baltimore's households. While CFL use is on the rise, overall socket saturation remains relatively low. **By increasing saturation levels of CFLs alone, Baltimore could help residents reduce energy demand by 91 billion btus.** Additional savings could be achieved through programs that focus on the adoption of LED bulbs.

Lighting conservation practices also offer high levels of achievable savings. An estimated 25% of single-family households in Baltimore leave at least one outdoor light turned on all night long. Baltimore residents can significantly reduce lighting demand by simply turning off unused lights – both indoors and outdoors. The combination of indoor and outdoor lighting conservation could achieve savings of 48 billion btus, with the largest proportion of these savings (about 60%) coming from a reduction in the hours of *outdoor* lighting.





Target: Home Owners and Renters Replace a greater proportion of incandescent bulbs with CFLs. (LEDs offer additional savings.)

62.3% % OF LIGHTING

**OPPORTUNITY** 

85% 10.2% ANNUAI HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE\* HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

8.2% **SAVINGS** 

in current lighting demand is achievable through the identified behaviors. Single-family households in Baltimore are currently using an estimated 1,422 bBtus annually.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



Target: Home Owners and Renters Turn off outdoor lighting or use timers to reduce hours of use.

24%

HOUSEHOLDS

ELIGIBLE\*

24.6% % OF LIGHTING **OPPORTUNITY** 

24.6% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

% OF SAVINGS

**OPPORTUNITY** 

A B C 75 60 **BIL BTU** 45

62.3%

117 bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.



Target: Home Owners and Renters Turn off indoor lighting in unoccupied rooms.

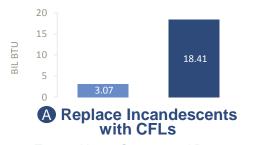
100% 13.1% % OF LIGHTING HOUSEHOLDS **OPPORTUNITY** ELIGIBLE\*

3.1%

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

\*Household eligibility is determined independently for each behavior. More information is available in the methodology report. \*\*Estimates of annual households savings are for participating households.





Target: Home Owners and Renters Replace a greater proportion of incandescent bulbs with CFLs. (LEDs offer additional savings.)

82.6% % OF LIGHTING

85% HOUSEHOLDS **OPPORTUNITY** ELIGIBLE\*

10.2% ANNUAI HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

6.6% **SAVINGS** in current lighting demand is

achievable through the identified behaviors. Multi-family households in Baltimore are currently using an estimated 336 bBtus annually.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



22 bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.



15 BTU 10 BIL 5 0 **Turn off Unused** Indoor Lighting

**Target: Home Owners and Renters** Turn off indoor lighting in unoccupied rooms

100%

ELIGIBLE\*

17.4% % OF LIGHTING **OPPORTUNITY** 

20

3.1% ANNUAL HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

**Outdoor Lighting** Target: Home Owners and Renters Turn off outdoor lighting or use timers to reduce hours of use.

Turn Off Unused

% OF LIGHTING HOUSEHOLDS **OPPORTUNITY ELIGIBLE\*** 

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ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*

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# **POOLS & SPAS**

### **Provide surprising opportunities for energy savings in Baltimore**

**Pools and Spas tend to be energy hogs. In fact, homes with pools consume nearly 50% more electricity per year than homes without pools.** Despite the fact that only a small percentage of homes typically have swimming pools or spas, achievable energy savings from pools is often notable. Our estimates indicate that roughly 7.5% of single-family homes in Baltimore have a swimming pool and that pools and spas represent 7.3% of Baltimore's total achievable saving opportunity (7.7%).

# 665 bBtus

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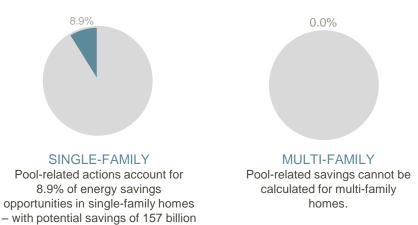
is used for pools and spas in single-family homes annually.

btus of energy per year by year 8

# 23.7% REDUCTION

of current energy use for pools and spas is possible through the behavior-related activities identified in the following pages.

#### ESTIMATES OF ACHIEVABLE SAVINGS FROM POOLS & SPAS



### **KEY FINDINGS**

Increasing the prevalence and appropriate use of pool pump timers represents nearly 50% of the opportunity to reduce energy consumption from pools and spas. Studies suggest that pool owners in mid-atlantic states tend to run pool pumps for more hours than necessary. Reducing the run time of pool pumps could help Baltimore residents save 77 billion btus per year.

Accelerating the replacement of energy-inefficient pool pumps with more efficient models could help pool owners save 65 billion btus per year. Switching from a standard efficiency single speed pump to a multi-speed or variable-speed pump can achieve energy savings as high as 83 percent. Behavioral programs can help accelerate the adoption of such technologies.

Augmenting the appropriate use of hot tub timers represent nearly 6% of the savings opportunities for pools and spas. If just 40% of eligible households participate, they could help the city reduce energy consumption by roughly 15 billion btus per year. Additional savings could be achieved through the use of floating hot tub blankets.



# Single-family energy saving opportunities

Left hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 4.



Target: Single-family Homes with Pools Use pool pump timers to limit the hours of pump run time.





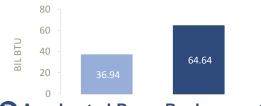
Target: Homes with Heated Pools Encourage the use of pool covers to reduce heat loss in heated pools.





in current pool/spa demand is achievable through the identified behaviors. Single-family households in Baltimore are currently using an estimated 640 bBtus annually for pools and spas.

Right hand Bar= Estimated Annual Savings by end of Year 8.



#### B Accelerated Pump Replacement

Target: Home Owners with Pools Move pool owners toward a decision to install an energy efficient pump.

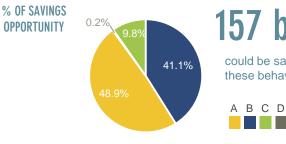
3%

ELIGIBLE\*

41.1% % OF POOL/SPA **OPPORTUNITY** 

2 A HOUSEHOLDS HO SAVINGS

7.8%	
ANNUAL	
USEHOLD	



157 bBtus

could be saved through these behaviors alone.



Target: Owners and Renters with Hot Tubs Use a hot tub timer to limit the temperature settings in hot tubs.

3% 9.8% % OF POOL/SPA HOUSEHOLDS **OPPORTUNITY** 

5.8%

ELIGIBLE\*

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS\*\*