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KUALA LUMPUR: The public is advised to use electricity prudently during the ongoing hot spell and ahead of the festive season, when energy consumption is expected to increase.

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) said electricity usage typically rises during hot weather, particularly due to longer operating hours for electrical appliances such as air conditioners and fans.

Electricity consumption also tends to rise during festive periods due to the prolonged use of decorative lighting, food preparation and hosting open houses, said TNB.

Electrical safety tips

- Switch off the main power supply when leaving home and unplug unused electrical appliances.
- Ensure electrical appliances are not exposed to direct sunlight, excessive heat or flammable materials such as curtains and paper.
- Check sockets, plugs and wiring to ensure none are damaged or loose.
- Ensure Residual Current Devices (RCD/ELCB/RCCB) are functioning properly and tested regularly.
- Engage only Energy Commission ST-registered electrical contractors for wiring or repair works.
- Use electrical appliances and decorative lights certified by ST-Sirim and those with high energy efficiency ratings.
- Avoid overloading sockets or using extension cords for high-powered appliances.
- Do not charge mobile phones while using them or leave electrical appliances operating unattended. Keep fireworks and festive materials away from electrical poles and cables.

Prudent electricity usage

- Set air-conditioner temperatures between 24°C and 26°C, clean filters regularly and ensure proper ventilation.
- Arrange refrigerator contents properly to allow good airflow.
- Use timers for decorative lights and maximise natural light during daytime.
- Plan appliance usage to avoid operating high-powered appliances simultaneously.
- Limit the use of water heaters while bathing.
- Switch off appliances when not in use.
- Iron clothes in bulk to reduce electricity consumption.
- Switch off rice cookers after cooking.

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