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PETALING JAYA: The current heat wave has led to increased use of electrical appliances, especially air-conditioning, among consumers in Peninsular Malaysia.

“The heat in the day is carried on till late morning and consumers are forced to use air-conditioning for longer periods and at lower temperatures,” Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) said in a recent statement.

The utility company said this increased usage will inevitably lead to higher electricity charges

as air-conditioning units consume more electricity compared to other electrical appliances.

“Using appliances that are not well-maintained may also lead to higher tariff charges,” TNB added.

Citing a case in Selangor, TNB said a consumer who increased his air-cond usage from five hours in December last year to eight hours in January saw his bill increasing from RM125.52 to RM231.69.

Consumers who wish to obtain tips on saving on electricity should visit www.tnb.com.my.