

## ✍✍✍ Template 1 for Tracking Utility Bills ✍✍✍

Utility Name \_\_\_\_\_

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Year(s)		From Utility Bills				Calculate	
MNTH	DATE	DAYS (D)	UNITS	%DIFF	\$	Units/D	Av % Diff
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							
TOTAL							
Goal							

**Overall:** Use the template for each of the utilities you use for each year of your tithing, including the year before you start (if available). If your start month is other than January, the table will overlap 2 separate years. Enter the numbers on you bills into Columns A-F, and calculate Columns G-H.

**Column A:** Month 1 is your start month and may not be January. For utilities that are not billed monthly, simply fill in the row of the month the meter was last read, or the tank refilled.

**Column B:** The date that the meter was read, or the tank refilled (not the date of issue or due date).

**Column C:** The number of days since the last bill. If not listed on the bill you have to count 😞.

**Column D:** The units of usage measurement, KWh for Electricity, Therms for Natural Gas, gallons for heating oil. and propane. If the usage on the water bill is in CCF or HCF, convert to gallons by multiplying by 748 😞.

**Column E:** The % difference in usage from the previous year for this month may be on the bill. It is affected by the difference in weather as well as changes in your habits.

**Column F:** Decreasing your cost is not the goal of tithing but saving money might be important.

**Column G:** Divide Col. D by Col. C. This too will vary considerably with the weather.

**Column H:** For an easy estimate simply average the %Difference in Col. E over the number of months to date. OR, to be precise, compute the *weighted average* using days as the weights 😞.

**TOTAL row:** enter the sums of columns C, D, and F and compute G & H as before.

**GOAL row:** Set you tithing goal for the coming year before you begin tracking, instructions for the first year and for subsequent years are given at the beginning of **Tracking** section.