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Conserved

When plotting this year's battle plan for lowering elecusage start by attacktricity ing the big energy users first. Generally, heating and cooling equipment consume over half of the total home energy use, say agricultural extension specialists at North Carolina State University.

That's the reason adequate insulation and efficient use of this equipment will mean the greatest savings. The next biggest user is the

water heater.

For most homes, all the energy used in a year's time by the electric clock, heating pad, hair dryer, blender, toothbrush, sun lamp, waffle iron, sewing machine, radio and vacuum cleaner does not amount to one-twentieth of the electricity used by the water in that same year.

The range, refrigerator and freezer are also significant consumers of electricity. Also, about five per cent of the electric bill goes for lighting.



an appliance yourself while the warranty is in effect, this will almost always automatically cancel the manufacturer's or retailer's obligations. Under a 1975 law—intended

to protect consumers against deceptive warranty practices, inferior products and poor service-no manufacturer or retailer is forced to provide written warranty. But this no way prevents a dissatisfied customer from complain-



trying to get a replacement, or taking the offending producer or retailer to court.



Some people used to put stale bread in babie's cradles in the hope of warding off disease.

Don't Rake Mulch Off New Lawn

If you seeded a fescue or bluegrass lawn this fall and mulched it with grain straw, you may be wondering what to do with the mulch now that the grass is up. The answer is, do nothing to it. Leave the straw in place,

suggest North Carolina State University extension horticultural specialists. It will, if it hasn't already, settle close to the ground. Even-tually it will become incor-porated with the soil.

The vacuum created by the whirling blades of the lawn mower will remove some of it, and this is all right.

But never attempt to rake But never attempt to rake off the straw from newly sprouted grass. The shallowed rooted young seedlings will be pulled up and you will lose a sur-prisingly large part of your stand of grass.

If you have a mass catcher for your lawn mower, it can be used to catch the straw sucked up the first time or two the new lawn is mowed