



Exiting Cell Hell

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PEORIA - A new report from the consumer watchdog Citizens Utility Board says most of us can cut more than \$300 from our annual cellphone plans.

Tuesday the CUB unveils an online cellphone saver to help you reclaim the hundreds you could be wasting on your bill.

Anyone who wants to see how much they could be throwing away on cellphone bills has to be a T-mobile, Sprint, US Cellular, Verizon or AT&T customer with online billing.

Once you do that you can log onto [citizens utility board.org](http://citizensutilityboard.org) and click on "cellphone saver."

There, you'll learn if you can find a more affordable plan with your carrier or another provider and scan your bill for any extras that you don't need.

Cub reports extras like insurance and roadside assistance are limited, or like a lot of minutes, often go unused.

And if you think you use all your minutes you may want to check again.

"How many minutes on average go unused? Seven hours and 19 minutes per bill cub's study found. That's more time than it would take to watch a wall of fresh paint dry," said CUB Spokesperson Jim Chilsen.

Cub also says to check your bill for charges that only serve to fatten your carriers' profits.

Anything under "administrative charge" or "regulatory charge" is just another way the company is eating your money.

For a direct link to the cell phone saver [click here](#).