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Did you know about the Illinois Citizen's Utility Board and its [Cellphone Saver](#) site? First of all, let's look at how this site can be useful to you. Second, we'll look at the [shocking data they've collected](#) about how much we're all wasting on unused minutes and other cell phone services we pay for but don't use.

If you have a plan with Sprint, AT&T, TMobile, US Cellular or Verizon, you can upload your bills to [Cellphone Saver](#) and they'll point out ways you can save money. Pretty nice for a free service that's not trying to sell you anything -- CUB is a nonprofit created by state law.

Besides using your bill info to help you save, CUB also analyzes those bills and releases reports about how we're all doing with our cell phone bills as a group. Not so good, apparently. According to Chicago Breaking Business, CUB says we're [wasting an average of \\$359 per year](#).

Wasting it how? By paying for more minutes than we use -- consumers average a whopping SIX HOURS of unused calling time each month. Then there are also services we pay for that we're not using.

Of course, it's hard to recoup those savings if you talk on the phone less than the smallest plan that's offered. But CUB suggests in the article that if you're talking less than 300 minutes a month, you'd be better off using a prepaid plan instead of a package.

Have any of you tried this CUB Cellphone Saver? I'm going to, as soon as I get off the phone.

P.S. CUB also has other money-saving programs, which I'll post about another time.

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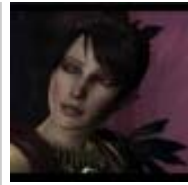
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