



Energy Detective Kit Policy

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Policy Statement:

The Summit County Library System provides Energy Detective Kits to help patrons explore energy efficiency, reduce utility costs, and make informed decisions about home energy use. By offering these tools, we support sustainability education and empower our community to take an active role in environmental conservation.

1. Checkout Procedures

1.1 Patrons must be at least 18 years of age or have written permission from a parent or guardian to borrow the Energy Detective Kit.

1.2 Patrons (parent or guardian if borrower is under 18) must sign a waiver accepting financial responsibility for damage and/or loss of an Energy Detective Kit and/or its components.

1.3 Patrons must return the Energy Detective Kit and all of its components in the provided case to the circulation desk and not into a book drop.

1.4 The checkout period for the Energy Detective Kit is 2 weeks. The Energy Detective Kit may not be renewed after the 2 week period.

2. Damage Items or Lost Parts

2.1 If a borrower damages or loses the Energy Detective Kit, the borrower shall be required to pay the replacement costs of the items. Refer to the *Library Fees Schedule* for specific replacement costs.

2.2 Failure to promptly return the kit or pay the required replacement costs may result in loss of kit borrowing privileges and/or referral of the matter to law enforcement for possible screening of criminal charges.

3. Patron Responsibility

3.1 The Library is not responsible for a borrower's activity while using the Energy Detective Kit and any damage to personal property that may result from using the Energy Detective Kit. Borrowers assume any and all risks of using an Energy Detective Kit.

3.2 Instructions for how to use each item are located in the Energy Detective Kit case. Library staff will not assist in using any items in the kit. The patron is responsible for doing so.

3.3 Patrons agree that these items will be used for their intended purpose and maintain the devices in the Energy Detective Kit in a safe and proper manner. Energy Detective Kit devices will not be used by any other person besides the patron who is responsible for the kit.

3.4 Patrons will inspect each device in the Energy Detective Kit prior to return, noting any damage or defects to Summit County Library staff.



Energy Detective Kit Waiver

I hereby agree to follow the Summit County Library Energy Detective Kit Policy, and to pay all eligible replacement costs charged to my account.

By my signature below, I understand and agree that Summit County, the Summit County Library or any of its agents shall not be responsible for any activity which may occur by installment and use of these items and hereby waive any and all claims in law or in equity which may be brought.

I further understand and agree that I shall pay for the replacement cost of the Energy Detective Kit in the event it is damaged or lost, and I am responsible for any damage that may occur to my personal property as a result of using the Energy Detective Kit. I assume any and all risks of using the Energy Detective Kit.

**Borrower Name (Print)
or Name of Parent/Guardian if child is under 18**

Name of Child (if applicable) (Print)

Signature

Date
