

# Mobile phone chargers without a phone – hype?

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So the latest buzz in the media is about being "green" by unplugging your mobile phone charger when it's not currently charging a phone.

Maybe I'm misunderstanding something, but isn't the only power consumed due to wire resistance in the primary winding of the transformer? Seems to me that should be miniscule.

Now phones that don't disconnect the charging circuit when they are charged, and thus remain hot to the touch, would be a different story. But I have never encountered a phone with a lithium battery that did not possess such a cutoff.

So is there any material value to this practice or is it like saving on gasoline by turning off the radio?

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