

## USING WATTS LAW

Amps x Volts = Watts

Amps = the rate of electrical current flow in a conductor.

The larger the wire, the more current can be safely carried by the conductor. Because of this, conductors and the breakers that protect them are rated in amps.

> If you were comparing amperage to water it would be the equivalent of gallons per minute.

Volts = the force or pressure which pushes the electrical current through the conductor. Also known as *Electromotive Force*.

> Using the water analogy, volts would be the equivalent of pounds per square inch (PSI).

Watts = the amount of power it takes to operate an electrical device or appliance. Electrical use is measured in kilowatts (thousands of watts) per hour- or kilowatt hours.

**Watts Law - Amps, Volts, and Watts all have a direct relationship. This can be expressed in a mathematical equation:**

$$A \times V = W \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{W}{A} = V \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{W}{V} = A$$

In other words - if you know any two of the variables you can find the third.

Example1:  $\frac{1000w}{120v} = 8.33a$

Example2:  $\frac{18,000 w}{75a} = 240v$

Example3:  $15a \times 120v \times = 1800w$