



BC Crime Prevention Association

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Q: A huge % of our Fed/Prov crime budgets is drug related including courts and jails. Yet almost daily, grow-ops surface in our neighborhoods. Is there not a computer analysis of power consumption for each residence over say a 5-10 year period? Same for grow-op equipment purchased.

A: Please see BC Hydro's website about "Marijuana Grow-Ops, Safety and Electrical Theft" at <http://www.bchydro.com/safety/diversions/diversions53790.html> In paragraph 4 at the bottom of this page it states that BC Hydro provides data on unusually high electricity consumption to those local governments that have registered with the Authority. We suggest you check with your local municipal hall or BC Hydro to find out if an agreement exists for the area you live in.

We have no information on how far back BC Hydro searches in their records as part of their analysis of power consumption and for this information you will need to contact BC Hydro.

As for purchases of grow-op equipment we suggest you contact your local police department as we do not know if police departments monitor sales of equipment."

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