

Young people contribute to energy savings

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Young people contribute to energy savings Starting in September, the residential sector in Isla de la Juventud reduces electricity consumption thanks to the persuasive work of community actors, among whom young people stand out. In that period, some 28,000 students and young workers were activated, who -integrated in 13 brigades- visited more than 14,000 homes for that purpose, said Lissette González Almésigas, a member of the Municipal Committee of the Union of Young Communists for attention to the José Martí Pioneers Organization. She explained that those mobilized handed out folding cards allusive to saving energy carriers, while the pioneers acted as controllers of consumption in their respective homes, work that also contributes to their training in the culture of saving. At first, the visits were organized based on the time available to the young people involved in the task and according to the routes established by the biosecurity during the presence of COVID-19 in the special municipality, she said. She highlighted the contribution of the newcomers at a time when the US government intensified the economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba, with a significant impact on the importation of fossil fuel. Jorge Hernández, representative in the territory of the National Office for the Control of the Rational Use of Energy, reported that the consumption registered in the residential sector was below the planned in 157 megawatt (MW) hour, thanks to the educational work of political and mass organizations, with an average of 51.3 daily visits to homes. As a result, in the residential sector, the demands in the daytime and nighttime peaks have behaved 3.3 MW and 5.0 MW, respectively, below the approved plan, while 92 selected state electricity services keep their work shifted outside of peak hours.