

ENERGY SAVING GUIDE

SAVE MONEY
YEAR ROUND

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ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR WHEN IT'S COOL



CURTAINS 
Shut the curtains or blinds. Using a good set of curtains and blinds saves energy costs, keeping warmth inside with you.

INSULATION 
Insulation will keep your home significantly warmer in winter and cooler in summer. In fact good quality ceiling insulation can prevent up to 35% of heat loss through the roof.

CHIMNEYS 
Install dampers in chimneys and block off chimneys not in use to prevent heat escaping – old chimneys are a major waste of energy and money.

WASHING 
Washing in hot water costs you more because it uses more energy than cold water. Use cold water to wash and save.

LIGHT BULBS 
Install low wattage bulbs to save money. It is the watts, not the voltage, that counts for energy efficiency.

HEATERS 
Be sure you use the correct size and type of heater for the room and don't heat rooms when you aren't using them. Overheating wastes energy, while an undersized heater will struggle even if it's running on the maximum setting. And remember, using a heat pump overnight will use more energy than just turning it on in the morning.

DOORS 
Keep doors to unused rooms closed to keep heat in areas where you the spend most time and stop draughts with a door snake.

TREES 
Plant deciduous trees. They lose their leaves in winter and let more sunlight through your windows.

CLOTHING 
Putting on a jumper instead of the heater costs you nothing and saves your hip pocket.

WINDOWS 
Double glazing adds value to your home and keeps heat from escaping through window panes.

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DOORS & WINDOWS



Opening the door or window when it is warm is the no-cost way to let some cool fresh air in without paying a cent.



SOLAR



Cut your energy expenditure by adding solar cells to your roof to reduce the amount of energy you use from the grid.



SHOWER



Showers use less water than baths, making them more economical and better for the environment. Installing a water saving showerhead and having short showers (four minutes or less) can save you money year-round.



FANS

Modern ceiling and portable fans are immediate, effective ways to cool down and are also very energy efficient.



REFRIGERATION

Modern fridge-freezers with the freezer below the fridge section are far more energy efficient and less expensive to run than older models. Remember, the fuller your fridge, the more efficient it is – get the right size fridge for your needs.



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WARM




TREES

Plant deciduous trees which will have full foliage in summer providing shade and sun-protection for your windows.



CURTAINS

Installing and using the right curtains and blinds can keep rooms cool by day and keep warmth in at night.



WINDOW GLASS

You can prevent warm air from entering your home by applying window films. They are cost effective and will reduce the amount of energy you need to cool your home.



DRYING

You don't need to pay for electricity to dry clothes when the sun and breeze can do the job cleanly and totally for free.



COOKING

Simply using smaller appliances, less water to cook veggies in pots and not opening the oven door until necessary conserves energy and keeps your home cooler.



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ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR ANY TIME

There are a number of small things you can do around your home to help save energy and money throughout the year.



HOT WATER CYLINDER



Set your hot water cylinder to 60°C so you don't waste power heating water to a higher temperature than you need. An electrician can help you do this.



TELEVISION



Consider the energy consumption of a new TV before you buy it. The larger the screen the more energy it uses.



STANDBY POWER



Turn off your sound system and TV at the wall when not in use. Appliances left on standby still use energy, and it can really add up.



HOT WATER



Hot water accounts for around a quarter of household energy bills. Avoid using it when cold water will do. Each time you use the hot tap about litre of hot water will go cold in the pipes afterwards.



KITCHEN APPLIANCES



Use microwave ovens or electric frying pans where possible – they are more energy efficient than stoves and ovens. Plus boiling water in an electric kettle is 50% more efficient than using the stove.

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