

Turn it off

Turn off lights as you leave a room and only heat the rooms you use.

Shower – don't bathe

A five minute shower every day instead of a bath will **SAVE \$180 A YEAR!**

Look to the stars

When buying new appliances, look for an energy rating label with stars on it. The more stars a product has, the less energy it will use.

Ventilate

THE LESS MOISTURE IN THE AIR, THE EASIER IT IS TO HEAT. Open a window or use a fan when you are showering or cooking.

Switch it off

Turn off appliances such as microwaves, washing machines and TVs at the wall. If the lights and clock are on, it means the appliance is using energy even if it is on standby!

Shower faster

If a family of four reduced the time spent in the shower by two minutes each a day, they could **SAVE \$84 A YEAR.**

Nuke it

Use a microwave instead of a conventional oven if possible.

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Energy saving settings

Use these on washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers and fridges when available.

Line dry

HANG WASHING OUTSIDE TO DRY OR SET UP A COVERED OUTSIDE AREA FOR CLOTHES DRYING.

Avoid drying clothes inside as the moisture they release into the air makes it hard to heat. If you use a dryer, make sure it is vented outside, clean the lint filter regularly and run it at night when a lower electricity tariff is available.

Stop draughts

Draught stoppers and self-adhesive strips for around doors and windows stop the wind from whistling through. Make your own draught stopper by stuffing old rugby socks with scrap material, or look for them in hardware shops.

From dawn til dusk

Open the curtains as early as possible on sunny days and close them just before dark to keep in the warmth.

Cold wash – full load

Wash your clothes in cold water and save up enough clothes to do a full wash every time. **USING COLD WATER COULD SAVE YOU MORE THAN A \$100 A YEAR** (based on 20 washes a month).

Make the switch

Replace the five most used light bulbs with energy-efficient ones. Energy-efficient light bulbs cost more to buy, but use around 80% less power and last up to 10 times longer, **SAVING ABOUT \$65 A YEAR!**

Cold-water kettle

Boil water in a kettle, not on a stove top. Use cold water when you fill it and only use as much as you need.

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