

Managing your energy at home



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Here's some simple ways to reduce your energy use and costs.



Heating and cooling

(typically comprises about 40% of average household energy use)

- Where possible, set to no more than 18-20°C for heating (remember the saying, 20 is plenty) and no less than 25-26°C for cooling
- Dress for the temperature
- Only heat or cool the rooms you need – close doors to unused rooms and use zoned heating or cooling if possible
- Try a fan before switching on the air-conditioning in summer, and use ceiling fans in reverse in winter
- Ensure heating and cooling systems are regularly cleaned and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines
- If possible, ensure that at least your ceiling is insulated



Stop air leaks

- Use sealing strips and door snakes to stop air leaks around doors and windows
- Locate and seal any gaps in floors, walls, chimneys, vents and ceilings
- Choose close-fitting curtains and blinds to keep heat in or out



Water heating

(typically comprises around 23% of average household energy use)

- Check for any leaking taps, especially hot water taps
- Take shorter showers where practicable
- Install water-efficient shower heads



Laundry and entertainment appliances

(typically comprises around 17% of the average household energy use including stand-by power)

- Wash in cold water, spin thoroughly and dry clothes on a rack or outside instead of using the clothes dryer
- Where possible, adjust settings on all devices to run in economy mode
- Set to automatically switch to standby or sleep mode when not being actively used
- Turn off at the power point when not in use



Kitchen

(typically comprises around 13% of average household energy use)

- Set fridge to no colder than 4-5°C, and the freezer -15 to -18°C and minimise how often you open the doors
- Ensure there is a sufficient air gap around the fridge as it helps it run more efficiently
- When boiling the kettle, don't fill it with more water than you need (it uses a lot of energy)
- Don't run your dishwasher unless it's full



Lighting

(typically comprises about 7% of average household energy use)

- Try using natural light as much as possible
- Turn off lights when you're not in the room
- If you only need a small amount of light, turn on a lamp instead of the main lights
- Switch to LED globes, especially for those lights that your household uses the most



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Hot tip

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Actual energy use varies from state to state and from home to home depending on the appliances in the home and how they are used. Source: sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/using-saving-energy/home-energy-use