

All year round



- If you need to heat or cool your home keep within these optimum temperatures – heat to 18° to 20°C in winter and cool to 24° to 25°C in summer. Every degree can reduce your costs by 10%.
- Compact fluorescent and LED globes use ¼ of the electricity to produce the same lighting as incandescent lights and last much longer than conventional lighting.
- Avoid using your washing machine or clothes dryer if it's only half full, or use the half-load or economy mode for smaller loads.
- Stand-by power can cost a typical Australian household \$50 to \$100 per year. Eliminate by turning all appliances off at the power point.
- An extra fridge can cost over \$100 a year to run. Turn it off and consider using eskies for entertaining.
- Ensure your fridge temperature is set to 4°C and freezers to -18°C to avoid unnecessary energy usage.
- Check your fridge seals are air tight – if your fridge door can't hold a \$10 note, the seals need replacing.
- Heating and cooling appliances need regular servicing to ensure they are running at peak efficiency. Regularly service your appliances, and make sure ducting is properly attached to the appliance and vents to avoid heating the neighbourhood.
- Using lids on saucepans saves a significant quantity of energy (and time!) Using a pressure cooker can save energy too.
- Put your dishwasher on only when it's full and before you go to bed to avoid paying peak electricity prices.* And turn off the dry cycle – air dry dishes instead.

*Relevant for off-Peak energy plans.

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Energy saving tips

How you can save energy at home



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Save energy, money and help the environment

At ActewAGL, we know you'd like to reduce your energy bills. That's why we've put together these tips that can help you reduce the amount of energy you use so you'll save money and reduce your impact on the environment.

These tips can be applied to nearly any home and they're easy to put into practice without making big changes to your lifestyle.



During summer



- Use vegetation or external awnings to block the sun before it passes through your glass and becomes trapped inside your house, this will save on your cooling costs.
- If you use airconditioning, replace or clean your filters regularly. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer, increasing energy use.
- Open your house up in the evening to let in the cool night air and shut all windows and doors early in the morning to keep out the hot daytime air.
- Fans are a cheap, low-energy way to cool your home on moderate to hot days. Moving air reduces the apparent temperature of a room to the people in it by up to 4°C without changing the temperature.*

*Depends on the type of fan used and the individual customer's energy tariff.

During winter



- Take advantage of free warmth from the sun by opening your curtains, particularly on north-facing windows, on sunny days.
- Try reducing the space you heat by shutting the vents* and doors to rooms you don't need to heat.
- Cracks and gaps in houses account for considerable heat loss. Save energy by sealing up gaps around your home. Install draught excluders under doors and soft rubber weather strips around windows, as well as seal around skirting and architraves with draught sealing tape.
- High levels of insulation, particularly in the ceiling (R4+) and walls (R2+) can save you hundreds of dollars a year.
- Insulate your electric hot water tank with a storage tank blanket or replace it with a solar or instant hot water heater and insulate your hot water pipes.
- Installing good-quality and well-fitted curtains with pelmets or blinds can save you up to 10% on your heating bills.
- Switch off your airconditioner at the power point to avoid standby power, which can be significant.

*Do not shut more than 1/3 of your vents in your house, or you risk damaging the heater.