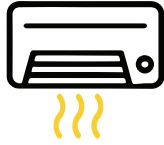


Top 10 tips to save on electricity costs



**Stay between
20 - 26 degrees!**



Heating & Cooling

Reverse cycle air conditioning is by far the cheapest way to heat a room. Always set the thermostat to a set point not below 26 degrees for cooling and not above 20 degrees for heating. It's mostly the humidity that makes you feel uncomfortable, not so much the high temperature.

**Stop
leaks!**



Hot water

Report leaking taps immediately. Check your power bills whether you are on the right tariff (Controlled Load 1 is the cheapest!). If you have solar hot water, have your shower/s in the morning rather than at night to allow the tank to be re-heated by the sun – not the by the grid.

**Cool wash
Hang dry!**



Washing Machine /Dryer

Use cold washes wherever you can and use your dryer only if you absolutely have to. Clothes lines are great!

**Shade glass
Close doors!**



Windows & Doors

Keep the sun off your windows and glass doors with block-out curtains, plants in the right places and blinds. In the hot season, allow lots of cool air in at night and lock up the house during the heat of the day, especially on the side where the sun is.



**Avoid
standby!**

When not in use, turn it off!

If possible, turn off devices at the power point to avoid use of standby power. Look out for TV's game consoles, larger computers etc. and use the standby / power-down features of your devices.



**Organise
your fridge!**

Fridge and freezer ventilation

Allow your fridge and freezer to 'breathe' by giving it plenty of space on the sides and the back. Also, minimise door open times by organising your fridge so that you find what you want more quickly.



**Switch
it off!**

Microwave

Turn off at the wall when not in use. The standby power of microwave ovens can be surprisingly high! Remote controlled switches are great for hard-to-reach power points (approx. \$20-35 for set of 4).

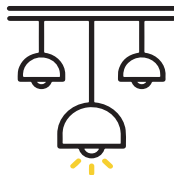


**Cook on
bench top!**

Cooking

Try to use a small bench top oven rather than the big electric oven for smaller meals. These ovens are rather cheap (less than \$80) and can save you heaps of power.

**Replace
globes!**



Lighting

Replace blown light globes with LED types. These are often on special at ALDI and other discount retailers. While a bit more expensive, they use substantially less power and last much longer. Turn off lights in rooms not used.

**Cheaper
than AC!**



Fans

Fans are great for cooling you down, but there is no point in having them running in a vacant room – they actually produce a little bit of heat while running. Pedestal fans or ceiling fans can also help distributing air conditioned air throughout the house.