



# energy saving tips for your home



## lighting

Lighting accounts for around 5% of total energy use in the average Australian home.

### **Switch to LED lighting**

Did you know around 90% of energy in incandescent bulbs is wasted as heat. LED bulbs are not only energy efficient, they can last a lifetime.

## heating & cooling

Around 40% of home energy use goes on heating and cooling.

### **Set your heating to 18-20 degrees**

Each degree over that uses about 10% more energy.

### **Keep the heat inside with curtains or blinds**

Windows can cool warm air by up to 40%, especially during Winter months.

### **Install roof insulation**

Having an insulated ceiling helps retain the heat. It can also have a big difference on your electricity bill, by saving you up to 20% on your heating and cooling expenses per year.

### **Plant trees around your home**

Planting trees is the perfect environmentally-friendly way to provide cooling shade on your property.

### **Install exterior shading**

East-West sunlight on windows and glass doors is among the biggest causes of temperature increase around the house.

### **Keep the heat inside with curtains or blinds**

Up to 40% of your home's heat can be lost through your windows.

## appliances

Appliances make up around 25% of the energy used in the average Australian home.

### **Run your dishwasher during off-peak times**

Wait till your dishwasher is full & run it just before going to bed when it is an off-peak period.

### **Use cold-water cycle for washing cloths**

Washing cloths in cold water vs hot water uses significantly less energy.

### **Check fridge seal**

Your fridge is running 24 hours a day and uses significant electricity. Check that the seal is airtight. A leaky seal lets cold air escape and results in an increase in energy usage.

## electricity & water

### **Switch off power points that aren't being used**

Standby power accounts for 5.9% of Australia's total residential electricity use.

### **Try and keep showers to 4-5 minutes**

Hot water accounts for around 21% of home energy usage.





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