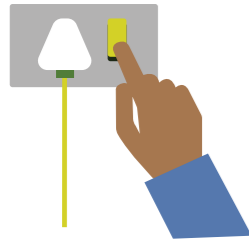


16 ways to save electricity at home

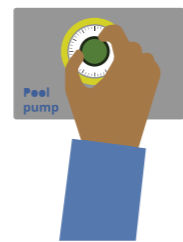
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Switch off

Switch off appliances at the wall and pull out chargers. This could save you up to 6% of your electricity bill.



Reduce hours

Set your pool pump to run fewer hours. At 10 hours a day, it uses about 11% of your electricity. For winter, 2 - 3 hours is enough for most pools.



Replace bulbs

Replace regular bulbs with energy-saving ones that use 6 times less electricity.



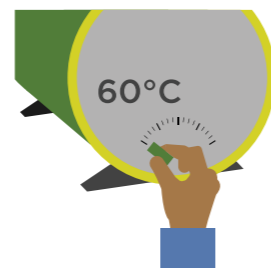
Adjust shower

Install an energy and water efficient showerhead. These use up to 40% less hot water and will save you money on your electricity bill.



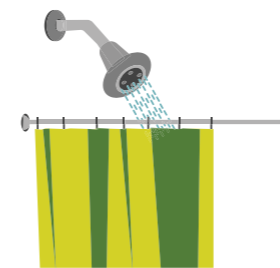
Slow cook

Bring food to a boil then place hot pot in an insulation cooker. The retained heat slow-cooks, saving up to 60% on energy.



Turn down

Turn down your geyser temperature to 60°C. This will save you up to 5% on your electricity bill.



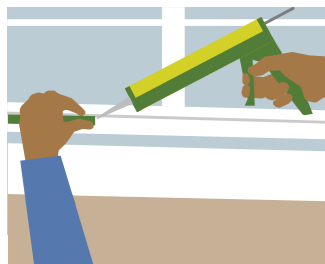
Shower instead

Take a shower instead of a bath. You'll save up to 80% in water and use 5 times less electricity than heating a bath of water.



Use sunshine

Dry laundry using sunshine whenever possible, not the tumble dryer. For rainy days, use drying racks indoors.



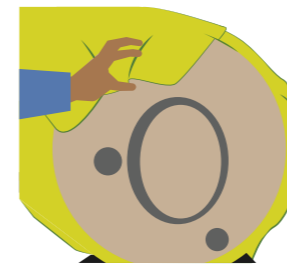
Seal gaps

Seal or block gaps around windows and doors to keep heat from escaping and cold drafts from breezing in.



Light up

Light a fire instead of using electric heating. Fireplaces retain heat and warm spaces effectively, keeping your cost down and the warmth up.



Cover up

Fit your geyser with a geyser blanket. It prevents heat loss, reducing the cost of electricity needed to keep water hot.



Wrap it

Insulate your hot water pipes. This prevents heat loss, reducing the cost of electricity needed to keep water hot.



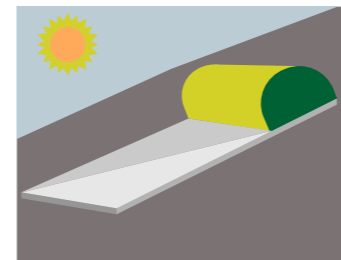
Switch to gas

Use gas for cooking. Gas is more efficient than electricity and you have the added bonus of still being able to cook during power outages.



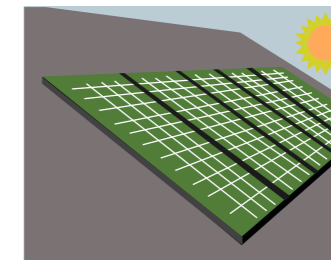
Insulate

Insulate your ceiling. It slows heat loss, making your home up to 5°C warmer in winter, saving up to 16% of your electricity annually.



Invest in solar

Invest in a solar water heater. It uses the sun to heat up your water, saving you 25% or more on your electricity bill.



Generate your electricity

Install a solar photovoltaic system. These generate electricity from the sun's energy.