

Home energy saving kit

This kit will help make your home more energy efficient and help to reduce energy use. It should also help you save on your energy bills and keep you more comfortable at home.

What's in this kit and why?

Draught stopper (or door snakes)

Use a draught snake under your front or back door to keep the warm air in during winter, and the hot air out during summer. It is the most efficient way to reduce your heating and cooling costs. This draught stopper pack can be inflated and covers both sides of the door.

You can get more from your local hardware store for around \$5 or you can make your own by rolling up old towels.



Weather seal tape

Use the weather seal tape to stop draughts around doors and windows. One packet should fit around a single door. Just peel off the backing and fit it along the side and top of the door. If you are renting you should check with your landlord first. These are around \$5 from hardware stores.



Thermostat

Use the thermostat to better manage the temperature of your home.

In winter, set your heating between 18°C and 20°C. For every degree you increase you'll use 5% more energy.

In summer, set your air conditioner or cooler between 25°C and 27°C. Each degree warmer on the thermostat can save you 10%.



For both heaters and coolers, use the 'Economy Mode' on the machine if it has one. That will also save energy.

LED bulbs

Replace existing bulbs with these two LED bulbs. These bulbs use up to 75% less energy.

You can now purchase LED bulbs from your supermarket or hardware store. While they do cost more to buy, they will last a lot longer as well.



After one year of using an LED bulb it will have paid for itself.

Other actions that will save you \$\$

- 💡 Turn off lights and appliances when not in use.
- 💡 Use curtains or blinds to keep the heat out.
- 💡 Use a fan instead of air conditioning - it's much cheaper to run.
- 💡 Wash your clothes in cold water. It's just as effective as hot water.