

For people in Power Card Communities

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Energy Saving Tips for Your Home

Don't blow your precious money on wasted energy!
Quick ways to save on energy bills include:

1 Use less cooling and hot water



Keep aircon at 25oC - use the 'Economy Mode' if you have it

Use a fan during summer
- they cost much less to run

Wash your clothes in cold water

Keep showers to 4 minutes or less

2 Plug up the gaps



Leaky houses cost a lot to heat and cool

Use door snakes, weather seals and curtains to keep the heat out in summer

Ask your landlord* to fix up bigger holes or gaps in the house

3 Help with Power Card



Paying for electricity up front means you won't go into debt. But make sure you get your Electricity Rebate of \$85 each quarter. It should be loaded onto your orange power card

Call Ergon on **1800 850 451** if you're not receiving it

4 Use NILS to buy more energy efficient appliances

The No Interest Loan Scheme can help you buy a new fridge or washing machine

Make sure an appliance has three or more 'energy rating stars' so it costs less to run



Don't sign up for rent-to-buy schemes; they are much more expensive

Call **13 6457**

5 If you're not using it, turn it off



It's everyone's job to turn off lights and equipment when they're not being used

Every dollar you save on energy can be spent on other things

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If you can't pay, get in touch with your provider and ask if you can go on a payment plan

A 'hardship program' will get you more help including up to \$720 to pay off energy debts

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You could save money by changing the energy plan you're on, or switching to a different provider

Call your energy company and ask them, "Am I on the best deal?" and tell them you will be comparing costs with other energy companies

You can save hundreds of dollars a year in one phone call

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