

# TOP 5

## ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR RENTERS

Don't blow your hard earned money on wasted energy. Here are the simplest ways to save on energy bills (and help save the planet).

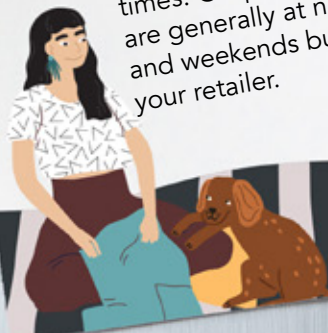
### 1: GET A BETTER ENERGY DEAL

Ring your energy company and ask them for the best deal. Go to [energymadeeasy.gov.au](http://energymadeeasy.gov.au) for free and independent advice on the best deals on the market.



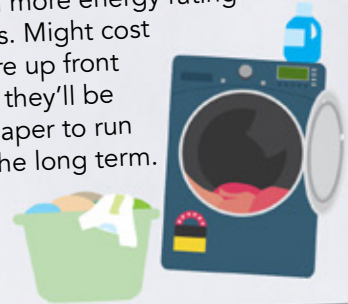
### 2: USE LESS PEAK POWER

Find out if you can get cheaper off-peak or shoulder rates and use your appliances at these times. Off-peak times are generally at night and weekends but ask your retailer.



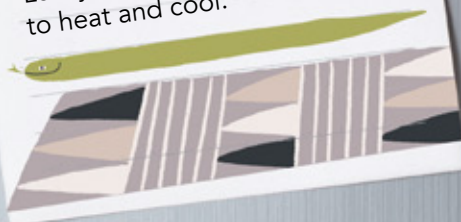
### 3: CHOOSE ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

When it's time to replace or upgrade, go for the ones with more energy rating stars. Might cost more up front but they'll be cheaper to run in the long term.



### 4. PLUG UP THE GAPS

Use door snakes, curtains and rugs to keep draughts out in winter and summer. Ask your landlord to spend some dough or offer to DIY. Leaky houses are expensive to heat and cool.



### 5. REDUCE YOUR USE OF HEATING AND COOLING

This makes up about 40% of your bill and most rentals don't have the latest gear. Keep heaters at 18–20°C and aircon at 24–26°C and you'll save a bomb.

