# SIMPLE TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AROUND THE HOME

#### Cooling and Heating

- Don't crank the air conditioner. Set it at 24°C in summer and 18°C in winter, and remember to cool or heat your house up slowly.
- Close curtains to keep the heat out in summer and in winter let the heat in. A door snake can also keep cold and warm air from escaping.



### Refigeration

- Keep the cold in. Check and replace the seals on the doors, dust off the condenser coil at the back, and defrost your freezer regularly.
- Don't under or overfill your fridge or freezer. Try to find the balance between sparse and overcrowded shelves.



#### 3 Audio and home entertainment

- Don't leave the TV on for the sake of it. Once you or the kids lose interest, It's time to switch it off
- Switch your appliances off at the wall. Leaving appliances on standby mode increases energy use and cost.
- Unplug your charger, many still use energy even when they're not charging anything.



### **4** Lighting

- Only light rooms you're using. Remember to flick off any light switches when you leave the room.
- Ditch indecent for good by changing any old bulbs to energy-saving fluorescent or LED lights
- Use motion sensor or solar lights outside to light your path and guide your way.



#### 5 Laundry

- Soak up the WA sun and use your clothesline whenever you can. If you must use a dryer, clean out your lint filter regularly.
- Wash your clothes on a cold cycle. It'll keep your colours bright too.



# Computers and appliances

- The bigger the screen you choose, the more power it will use, so set your screen to sleep when you're not using it.
- If you are making a cup of tea or coffee, only fill the kettle with the amount of water you need.



#### 7 Hot water

- Hot water systems run best at 60°C. You can save even more by lowering it at certain times of day with a timer, and turning it off all together when you go away.
- Keeping your hot water system fan free of dust and fluff can also save on costs



## Cooking

- Keep your appliances in top shape. Clean your exhaust fan, check your oven seals and use pots and pans with tight fitting lids and flat bases.
- Resist the urge to check on the oven. Opening the door lowers the temperature, and take more energy to heat it back up.





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