

SAVE POWER – SAVE MONEY

Take action to reduce your energy bills, make your home more comfortable and help our environment.

AT ANY TIME:

- ▶ Use less hot water
- ▶ Check energy rating labels when buying new appliances
- ▶ Switch off appliances at the wall to use one to five percent less energy
- ▶ Upgrade your home insulation, windows and blinds to heat-proof your house
- ▶ Switch off lights when you leave a room

IN SUMMER:

- ▶ Use fans instead of air conditioning
- ▶ Closing gaps and cracks around the house can save you \$50 a year
- ▶ Cross-ventilation and open windows in the evening allow for natural breezes
- ▶ If you use an air conditioner, each degree warmer on the thermostat can save you 10%
- ▶ 'Zone' your home by cooling one part of your house and cut down on cooling in other areas
- ▶ Close curtains and blinds during the day

IN WINTER:

- ▶ By day, let natural light in
- ▶ Use door snakes to stop draughts
- ▶ 'Zone' your home by warming the rooms you use the most
- ▶ Use the timer on an electric blanket and always remember to turn it off when you get out of bed
- ▶ Close curtains and doors at night
- ▶ Rug up and use blankets

IN THE BATHROOM AND LAUNDRY:

- ▶ Have shorter showers
- ▶ Washing clothes in cold water can save around \$50 per year
- ▶ Swapping your dryer for a clothesline one extra time a week could save you around \$70 per year

IN THE KITCHEN:

- ▶ Use lids on pots to keep the heat in
- ▶ Clean fridge door seals and replace if worn
- ▶ Check that fridges and freezers aren't overloaded
- ▶ Use the microwave or BBQ more often instead of the oven
- ▶ Wait until the dishwasher is full before using it, and use the energy-saving setting

IN LIVING AREAS:

- ▶ Turn off lights when you leave a room
- ▶ Switch off TVs and home entertainment systems at the wall

GARAGE AND GARDENS:

- ▶ Do you really need that second fridge?
- ▶ If you turn off your pool pump at peak times (3pm–7pm) and turn off your pool heater, you may see some big energy-bill savings

More Household Energy Saving information is available at: www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households