

Home energy savings kit

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

What's in this kit and why?

Draught stopper (or door snake)

Use this 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.

You can get draught stoppers 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 the tape along the side and top of the door. Packets of tape cost around \$5 from hardware stores. If you are renting you should check with your landlord before applying the tape.



Thermometer

Use the thermometer 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 airconditioner between 24°C and 26°C. Each degree higher on the thermostat can save you 10%. Pedestal fans help keep a room cooler and are also much cheaper to run.

Use the 'Economy Mode' on your heater or airconditioner if it has one. That will also save energy.



LED bulb x 2

Replace existing bulbs with these two LED bulbs, which 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 and cost less per hour to run.



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 or the cold out
- 💡 Use a fan instead of airconditioning - it's much cheaper to run
- 💡 Wash your clothes in cold water – it's just as effective as hot water
- 💡 Hang washing outside or use a clothes rack instead of a dryer.