



Tips for reducing your energy use



- Replacing regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs – this reduces pollution as well. Compact fluorescent lights are now available in a range of sizes and 'tones' of light – from cool, bright light to warm and cosy.
- Turn off electrical appliances at the power point.
- Turn off computers at night
- Don't preheat your oven when you're making cakes and biscuits
- Where possible, close off your living space for winter heating and open it up for air circulation in summer.
- Draught-proof your house and close gaps using door sausages or draught stoppers
- Reduce heat transfer through windows by using heavy and/or lined, close-fitting curtains.



Reduce your water use

Tenants are responsible for any excess water charges. Here are some helpful ways to save water and your money:

- Report any leaking taps, leaking toilets, pipes or garden irrigation systems immediately. A small drip from a worn washer can waste more than 200 litres of water per day.
- Short showers save water and power – showers use 10 to 20 litres of water every minute.
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth. A tap left running while brushing your teeth wastes 5 litres.
- Don't leave the tap running while you wash the car – use a bucket and sponge.
- Put the plug in the sink when shaving, rinsing dishes or washing vegetables.
- Hand water your plants in the morning or evening so the water has time to soak in and won't evaporate before it gets down into the soil.
- Sweep paths and driveways rather than hosing.
- Wash in cold water and use the washing machine when you have a full load

