



## Using electricity efficiently in your home

### No Cost Measures

- Close the curtains in the evening when it gets dark
- Only fill the kettle with the water you need, making sure the element is covered
- When using the oven try to make full use of the space
- Choose the right size of pot for the food and cooker
- Microwave ovens are quicker and cheaper to run than conventional ovens
- Always close the fridge or freezer door
- Try to keep the fridge or freezer full
- Fix dripping taps - you can easily lose a tank of hot water down the plug
- Turn off lights when not needed
- Don't leave TVs on 'stand - by'
- When washing clothes, try to wash a full load and use lower temperature washes
- Only use the tumble dryer when necessary drying clothes on a washing line is free.

### Low Cost Measures

(approximate DIY cost and yearly savings)

- Energy saving light bulbs use 80% less electricity than ordinary bulbs and last 10 times longer. Cost: £5 Possible savings £10 per year
- Choose energy saving light bulbs for lights that are on longest
- Outside lights can be set to come on automatically when it is dark and for extra security. Cost: £15 Possible saving: £10 per year
- Make sure your hot water tank is insulated, fit an 80mm (approx 3 inches) lagging jacket. Cost: £10 Possible saving: £15
- Lag all hot water pipes. Cost: £15

### Buying a new appliance

When buying a new appliance look for the energy label. This shows how efficient an appliance is, using a scale from 'A'-'G'. Energy efficient appliances will also have the 'Energy Efficiency Recommended' logo.



“By taking a few simple steps it's amazing how much we have managed to save about the house.”



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Being energy efficient makes sense. You can reduce bills, improve the comfort of your home and help the environment. This guide suggests some no cost and low cost ideas to help get you started. For further information on saving energy, including information on grants and other offers, contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on Freephone **0800 512 012**.