

Best energy saving tips.

Reduce your energy usage—not your comfort—and potentially lower your bills with these quick checks.



HEATING AND COOLING

- Keep your thermostat set to energy-efficient temperatures.
 - 18–20°C in winter*. Stay warm—bundle up in extra clothing and blankets.
 - 25–27°C in summer*. Keep cool—close your curtains and blinds.
- Turn your air conditioner off if the room is empty, no one is home and overnight when everyone is asleep.
- Consider upgrading to an energy-efficient reverse-cycle air conditioner for year-round comfort. Find out more at actewagl.com.au/upgrade
- Automate the process. If there's a timer, set it.

WATER HEATING

- Reduce the temperature setting of your hot water system to 60°C. If you have an instantaneous system, check it's set no higher than 50°C.
- Check there are no leaks from your hot water system and insulate hot water tanks and pipes to minimise heat loss.
- Consider upgrading your hot water system if it's older than 10 years. Find out more at actewagl.com.au/upgrade
- Switch to an energy-efficient shower head and make short showers a habit.
- Reflect and change your habits.
 - Reduce how much hot water you use.
 - Wash laundry and dishes in cold water.

ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

- Re-think your usage.
 - Wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
 - Switch off non-essential appliances at the wall when you're not using them.
 - Use nature—dry clothes outside and air dry your dishes.
 - Use the microwave instead of the oven.
- Work your fridge and freezer smarter, not harder.
- Check your temperature settings aren't too low. Fridges should be 3–5°C and freezers between –15––18°C.
- Check your fridge and freezer door seals.
- Consider getting rid of any second or unused fridges through the Fridge Buyback Program. Find out more at actewagl.com.au/fridgebuyback

LIGHTING

- Go natural. When the sun is shining, open the blinds.
- Switch it off. Switch it up. Switch it out.
 - Turn off lights when you're not using them. Use motion detectors in unoccupied areas like the garage.
 - Use more lamps inside and install solar lights outside.
 - Consider changing to energy-efficient lights—LED bulbs, fluorescent tubes and the lowest wattage bulb for the room's lighting needs.