

# Energy savings

## Follow these tips to save on energy bills

### Get a better deal

- Understand the details of your bills.
- Three months before your contract expires, shop around for a better deal. Compare prices at [www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/offer-search](http://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/offer-search).
- You may be able to use a broker to act on your behalf. Check with your industry association if they have any recommendations.
- Look at alternative forms of energy – the price may have dropped.

### Electronics

- Buy electronics with high energy star ratings. Remember, these may be a taxable offset if under \$20,000, under the instant asset write-off until June 2019. Learn more at [smartcompany.com.au](http://smartcompany.com.au) and [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au).
- Use smart meters to track energy use.
- Set computers to power-off after a set period of time.
- Turn devices off at the power point – don't leave them on stand-by mode.

### Light and heat

- Use energy efficient lighting bulbs and devices.
- Make the most of natural light and use direct lighting such as lamps.
- Use shades and curtains to keep out excess heat from buildings.

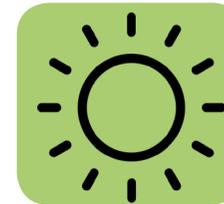
### People power

- Create an action plan to reduce energy consumption.
- Enlist the support of your team to innovate and implement.
- Update your policies to include energy saving tasks.

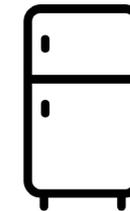
### Reduce how much you use



Keep heating between 18–20 degrees



Keep cooling between 25–27 degrees



Appliances and equipment can be responsible for 33% of an energy bill



Switch off, do not leave in stand-by mode, and you could save up to 10% on your bill

### Small steps to reduce costs

When an IGA's electricity bill doubled in price, they began installing LED lights and timers on non-perishable fridges, and became more conservative with their electricity usage. They also sought the advice of an energy broker to review their contract and bargain for a reduced rate. Combined, these strategies led to a reduction of just over 20%.

Your energy provider will be able to give you ideas on how best to minimise your energy usage.

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