

Save power in your home



Save power when using hot water

- ✓ **Shorten your shower time**
Using electricity to heat water is expensive. Shorter shower times are an easy way to reduce hot water and therefore power use. Get the entire household involved and save even more.
- ✓ **Stop cash going down the drain**
Install an energy and water efficient showerhead and cut hot water wastage by up to half. Your power bills will drop along with your power use.
- ✓ **Solar water doesn't cost the earth**
Leave standard electric storage heaters behind and switch to solar hot water for big power and carbon pollution savings.



Save power when heating and cooling

- ✓ **Take the heat out of your power bill in winter**
Choose an energy-efficient heating system- use zoned central heating, high efficiency space heaters or radiant heaters and you could save 40% on your heating power use.
- ✓ **Clever heating is cool**
There are simple things you can do to heat your home! Wear warmer clothing or throw an extra blanket over the bed and save power in your home in winter. When your heater is on, make sure you always shut windows and doors.
- ✓ **Stop throwing money out the window**
Window coverings increase the comfort of your home all year round. Curtains and blinds reduce heat loss and trap warmth, and also help to keep heat out of your home on hot days.
- ✓ **Warm up your air conditioning in summer**
Raise the temperature on your air conditioner by a few degrees and reduce your power bill and carbon pollution impact. Every degree cooler costs more than you think.
- ✓ **Become a fan of energy efficiency**
Fans are a great way to cool your home. They suit rooms of all sizes and use less power than air conditioning.
- ✓ **Get on top of insulation**
Pay less to heat and cool your home each season through installing ceiling insulation (use qualified personnel).



Save power when washing clothes

- ✓ **Don't get your washing into hot water**
Cold water washing is effective and power efficient. It's easy to save power and money by washing in cold water.
- ✓ **Seeing stars: Buy an efficient washing machine**
Compare the water and energy rating label of different appliances before you buy. The more stars an appliance has the more power and money you save.
- ✓ **Choose nature's clothes dryer**
Clothes dryers consume electricity and cost a lot to run. Take advantage of the fresh air, dry your clothes outside for free and reduce carbon pollution.



Save power with refrigeration

- ✓ **Keep it cold, but not icy**
Set fridge and freezer temperatures to suit volumes and contents. Every degree lower than necessary costs power and money.
- ✓ **Recycle that second fridge**
If your second fridge was made more than ten years ago, it's likely to be producing carbon pollution at an alarming rate. Recycle it!
- ✓ **Don't run the second fridge on empty**
Fridges and freezers use more power when they are nearly empty! Save the environment (and your wallet) by moving items to your main fridge and turning the second one off (or better still, having it recycled).



Save power with equipment and appliances

- ✓ **Reach for the power point**
Switch off appliances and electrical equipment at the power point and greatly reduce your household power bills.
- ✓ **Aim for the stars, switch to an efficient fridge**
Replace old and inefficient fridges and freezers with energy efficient models.



Save power with lighting

- ✓ **Put your globes under a spotlight**
It is easy to save power and money by switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and energy efficient lighting fixtures (always use a qualified electrician).
- ✓ **Give your lights a rest**
Switch lights off in rooms and areas not in immediate use and reduce power bills and carbon pollution.



Is my home energy efficient?

Almost every home has the potential to save more energy and water. To find out if your home is energy efficient, use the NABERS energy rating slider or visit www.nabers.com.au



! Get your FREE energy rating slider from Coffs Harbour Library or phone Council on 6648 4000.

Rebates for saving power and water

Council, the NSW Government and Federal Government provides rebates to help make your home more water and energy efficient. Visit www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/rebates to find out what rebates are available to you.

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