

1 Kitchen

- Set your fridge/freezer to a medium temperature.
- Keep a gap around your fridge/freezer allowing air to get behind to keep it cool.
- Put your fridge/freezer out of direct sunlight.
- Defrost your freezer often. If your freezer is frosting around the door, replace the rubber seals.
- Only use a dishwasher when it is full and on the economy cycle.
- Only use a box freezer if you can't fit everything in your fridge/freezer. Turn the box freezer off when it is empty.

2 Laundry

- If possible, choose a front loading washing machine.
- Wash clothes with cold water and on short wash cycles.
- Whenever you can, use a clothes line instead of a dryer.
- Only use a dryer in emergencies with a full load and make sure clothes are spun dry first in the washing machine.
- Use a low heat setting on your dryer and make sure it is well ventilated.
- Remove lint from the filter after every use.

3 Living

- TVs, DVD players, computers, stereos and game consoles still use energy in standby mode. Switch them off at the wall.
- The bigger the TV screen the more power it uses.
- Use lamps if you only need a small amount of light and turn off lights when you're not using them.
- Open the windows and use fans to keep your house cool. It is much cheaper than air conditioning.
- If you must use the heater or air conditioning, shut all the doors and windows.
- Keep your curtains and blinds closed during the day to keep the heat out.
- Set your air conditioning unit to 25 degrees and 'auto' so it can increase or decrease the temperature automatically as required.
- Clean the air conditioning filters regularly getting rid of dust as this effects how efficiently the machine works.

4 Bathroom

- Set the hot water temperature to 60 degrees for a storage hot water system and 50 degrees for continuous flow systems.
- Take shorter showers to use less hot water.
- Have colder showers in hotter temperatures.
- If you will be out of town for a few days, turn your hot water system down or off.
- Switch off appliances such as hairdryers, electric toothbrushes and radios at the wall.

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