

checklist

Energy-Saving

You can save money and energy by making a few small changes around the house. Here are 10 things you can do right now, at little or no cost, to use less energy and save money on your bills.



- Review your heating timer clock and make sure your heating and hot water only come on when you need them.



- Close internal doors and curtains to hold the heat in.



- Make sure there's no furniture blocking your radiators and preventing the free flow of heat.



- Your fridge/freezer is one of the biggest energy users in your home, defrost it regularly to keep it running efficiently.



- Unplug appliances you rarely use, appliances on standby can make up 10% of your electricity bill. Anything that isn't in use should be unplugged.



- Switch your light bulbs to LEDs – LED bulbs use 85% less energy than traditional bulbs.



- Make sure there's a lagging jacket on your hot water cylinder. A new lagging jacket will pay for itself in 2-3 months.



- Upgrade to A-rated appliances. An A-rated appliance uses about 55% less electricity than a similar D rated appliance.



- Put smart plugs on your bigger appliances – this will help you to see which appliances use the most energy and find ways to cut your usage.

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