

# SMART WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

HOME  
ENERGY  
SCOTLAND

Here are some quick and easy ways you can waste less energy at home, reduce your bills and lower your carbon footprint too:

## Kitchen

- Always use the right sized pan for the job, and use the correct hob ring for each pan.



- Keep the oven door shut as much as possible and make sure the glass door is clean so you can see what's going on.
- Let warm foods cool down before putting them in the fridge.

## Washing

- Try to minimise unnecessary washing by hanging up clothes to air after using them. This way you can get the maximum use out of each item before needing to wash it.



- Spin your clothes on the washing machine's highest spin cycle before putting them in the tumble dryer.
- Washing clothes at 30 degrees rather than higher temperatures will **save around 57% of the energy used each year**. Modern washing powders and detergents work just as effectively at lower temperatures.
- Wait until you have a full load before putting on a wash.



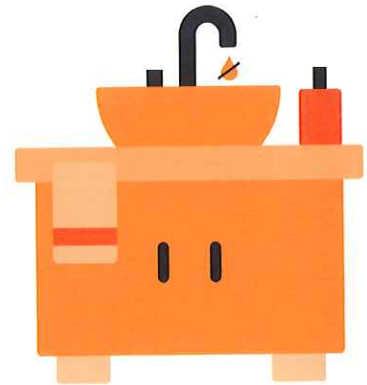
## Hallway

- Fit draught excluders around the front door, and over the letter box and key hole.
- Putting a curtain over the front door helps keep the draughts out.
- Get into the habit of closing all the doors to keep the heat in each room.



## Bathroom

- A quick shower will use less energy than taking a bath.
- Invest in a shower timer to help you see how long you spend in the shower – shorter showers use less energy!
- Power showers can easily use as much water as taking a bath – consider fitting an aerated or low-flow showerhead to cut down water use.
- Check that your fan is only set for the time needed to clear condensation and smells from the bathroom.



- Don't leave the taps running continuously while you brush your teeth, shave or wash your face – fill the basin or just turn the taps on when you need them.
- If you have a hot water tank, try to set your programmer to best match the times of day when you use hot water, so you're less likely to heat water when you don't need to.



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## Lighting

- Replacing all bulbs in a typical home with LED equivalents would cut the lighting bill by around 34%, **saving around £35 a year.**

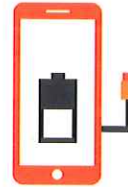


## Bedroom

- Use a hot water bottle to warm the bed up, rather than an electric blanket.
- Towel-dry your hair thoroughly to cut down use of your hairdryer.
- Don't leave your phone charging all night – it should only need a couple of hours.
- During winter, set the heating to switch off while before you go to bed – that way it won't stay on unnecessarily once you're all tucked up.
- Set your heating to come on a bit before you wake up but time it so that it switches off again before you leave.

## Living Room

- Draw the curtains at dusk to keep the heat in.
- Don't leave things switched on or on standby when not in use (**this could save around £30 a year**).
- Turn off the television at the socket instead of leaving it on standby. You can buy mains controllers which do this by remote control.



## Dining Room

- If you don't use the dining room often, make sure your radiator is set to the lowest setting.
- Don't forget the room will heat up if you're having guests round.
- Don't overdo the catering; wasted food makes a significant contribution towards carbon dioxide emissions and costs you money!



## Children's Bedrooms

- A TV, DVD player, laptop and PS4 will cost £65 altogether per year to run - but that could be much higher if they are always left on when not in use.
- Encourage your children to turn off equipment at the socket by making it easy to access the switch.
- If your children need a night-light make sure it's a low energy bulb – the very lowest wattage should be enough.
- If you are thinking about buying a new computer, **a new laptop typically costs £19 less per year to run** in energy than an old desktop computer (and takes up less room).

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