

It all adds up.

Start saving here. These simple tips will help. Take a look through the list and tick off the things you're already doing.

Add them up. See how you rate and figure out where you can make some improvements. Too easy.

Lighting tips.

One of the easiest ways to save energy is with your lights. Just try:

- Turning off lights when you leave the room.
- Replacing incandescent globes with compact fluorescent lights.
- Keeping light fittings, reflectors and lamp shades clean.
- Using dimmers to reduce electricity consumption.
- Using only natural light whenever you can.

Did you know energy efficient bulbs consume 80% less energy than incandescent bulbs and last 4 to 10 times longer?*

Kitchen tips.

You can keep your kitchen energy smart by:

- Using a microwave or electric frypan instead of an oven.
- Running the dishwasher only when it's full.
- Putting a lid on saucepans.
- Using the right-sized saucepan on the right element or burner.
- Checking your fridge temperature with an appliance thermometer.

Did you know small appliances such as microwaves, electric kettles, vertical grills and electric frying pans are more energy efficient than your oven or stove?*

Heating and cooling tips.

Try to save power by:

- Reducing your heater thermostat. One or two degrees will do.
- Increasing your cooling thermostat by about the same.
- Getting your heater or air conditioner serviced regularly.
- Switching the heating or cooling off in rooms you're not using.
- Using heavy curtains with pelmets to minimise heat loss.

Did you know every extra degree of heating higher or cooling lower can increase your running costs by around 10% to 15%? Set your heating to 18–20°C and your cooling to 26–27°C.*

Washing tips.

A few simple laundry tips can really lower your bill:

- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Use the right water level for the right amount of washing.
- Set your machine to suds save.
- Use a clothesline to dry your washing.
- Iron a load of clothes, not one at a time. You won't waste energy reheating the iron.

Did you know front loaders are usually more energy and water efficient than top-loading machines?*

Travel tips.

Getting to work, school and the shops needn't waste energy.

You can:

- Minimise the number of trips you make.
- Use public transport, walk or cycle.
- Try to avoid peak hour traffic.
- Check your tyre pressure. Under-inflated tyres increase fuel usage.
- Don't travel alone to work – try car pooling with someone who lives nearby.

Did you know you can use up to 30% less fuel by travelling at 80km/h rather than 110 km/h?*

How'd you rate?

Add up your ticks and see:

- 24–30 Top-notch savings and energy efficiency. Well done.
- 18–23 You're really energy conscious. But you can save more.
- 12–17 You're well on the way to significant savings.
- 6–11 You've made a good start! Keep up the good work.
- 0–5 There are plenty of ways to save energy and cash.

Water tips.

Hot water uses more energy than you think. Save it by:

- Taking shorter showers. You could save 0.5kg of greenhouse gases a minute.
- Installing a AAA showerhead.
- Getting a professional to set your thermostat from 60°C to 65°C.
- Turning off taps completely to stop drips.
- Insulating exposed hot water pipes.

Did you know 27% of the energy in an average Australian home is used to heat water?*

Energy efficiency starts at home. But you can do a lot more to help the environment. Green Choices™ lets you choose green energy sources for your home. Call 131 245 or visit www.agl.com.au/greenchoice