

# Ways to Reduce your Energy Bills

The rising cost of household utilities is of concern to many Australians. As your home is part of an Energy On Embedded Network, your electricity rates are already competitive to those that would normally be available from a traditional retailer. Even so, there are still many ways you can reduce your energy usage and have a positive impact on your bill. Here are 7 useful ways to manage your energy usage.



## 1. Peak v Off Peak v Shoulder

If you are on Time of Use (TOU) pricing, where you are charged different rates for Peak versus Off-Peak and Shoulder usage, wherever possible use less power during peak periods. The times for Peak pricing vary from state to state, so you need to review these and best judge when to use your power.



## 2. Turn off when you leave

When you leave a room or go out, switch off lights, heating and other electrical devices.



## 3. Turn it down (or up) a little

Try using a different setting on your heating or air conditioning. A little cooler in winter or a little warmer in summer can make a big difference. Keep doors and windows closed and covered when you can to keep the temperature even.



## 4. Stand by for Appliances

Wherever you can, turn off appliances that are not in use at the power point and try to use the most energy efficient appliances.



## 5. Shine light on your bill

Move to low energy bulbs to make a difference in the amount of power you use.



## 6. Clean up in the laundry

Using cold water to wash can save a lot as can washing only when you have a full load and air drying rather than tumble drying. Running appliances during Off-Peak times will also help.



## 7. What's cooking in the kitchen?

Using the right sized burner or hot plate on the stove uses less energy. For dishwashers, make sure it is a full load, alter the cycle so the dishes air dry or adjust the temperature of the water to use less energy.

These are just a few tips that you can use to make a difference in your bill. A lot has to do with the sort of home you have and how many people are in during the day and at night but try a few of these and we're sure you'll see a difference.

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