

5 bright ideas for saving energy and money in your home

As power prices rise, many of us are looking for ways to use less energy at home. The good news is there are lots of simple, no-cost things you can do right now. By trying some of these ideas and making a few changes to everyday habits, you could save money and help the environment without sacrificing comfort.

1. Minimising hot water use

Hot water is responsible for around 25 per cent of the average household energy bill. Ways to reduce this include washing clothes in cold water and waiting until there is a full load, only running the dishwasher when it's full, fitting a low-flow showerhead (it will pay for itself in no time) and keeping showers short.

2. Choosing efficient appliances

Household appliances can account for up to one third of your energy bill. If you're buying a new fridge, freezer, television, washing machine, clothes dryer, dishwasher or air-conditioner, look for the Energy Rating Label—the more stars, the less energy the product will use. High star-rated models can cost a little more, but choosing a cheaper less energy-efficient product could end up costing more in the long run.

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