

Energy Saving Advice

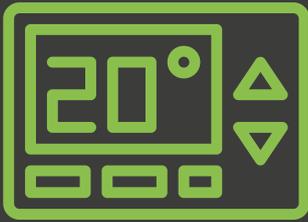


Save energy, save money...

There are many simple steps you can take to make your energy go further and save money. We're always keen to promote possible options that might help you save on those unnecessary losses.

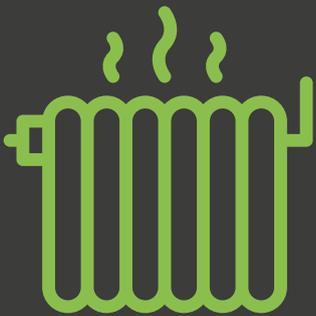
Alongside the following energy saving tips, we always recommend that you get to know your development's energy system. Having a greater understanding of how your system works will help you understand your consumption better. You can find helpful articles in our Help Centre, as well as leaflets in our Leaflet Library.

Save Heat:



1. Adjust your thermostat

Adjusting your thermostat to the lowest comfortable temperature will make a surprising difference to your consumption and your bills. Turning your thermostat down even by one degree can save you up to 10% on your bills. We recommend 20-21 degrees for more efficient use.



2. Turn your heating off if you're not home

This can be surprisingly easy to forget, especially if you have a busy home where everyone has different routines and is in or out at different times! Make sure everyone knows how the heating works, and can turn it off if they're leaving the apartment.



3. Try putting your heating on a timer

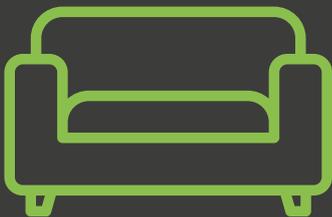
Many people find that setting an automatic timer is a great way to use their heating efficiently. Try setting it to come on for a couple of hours in the evenings when you're home from work, then a couple of hours in the morning before you wake up. This will ensure you stay nice and warm as you move around your home. Many people find they don't actually need to keep the heating on all through the night whilst they're tucked up in bed, so a timer will save you energy and money during those hours.

Save Heat:



4. Bleed your radiators

Over time, air accumulates in your heating system, resulting in trapped air within radiators. This stops the hot water circulating effectively. You should bleed your radiators if you feel any cold spots, hear it making any noise, or after a long period of being used, like moving into winter.



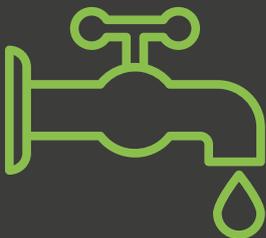
5. Keep bulky furniture away from radiators

Pushing furniture against walls may save you a bit of floor space but it also reduces your heating efficiency! Try to leave at least 12" between your furniture and heating appliance to ensure the heat can distribute easily. It's also worth being conscious of long curtains potentially blocking radiators.



6. Choose showers instead of baths

The average shower uses 12 litres of water per minute, whilst standard baths hold roughly 300 litres of water! Choosing to have a shower over a bath can save plenty of hot water.



7. Don't keep the tap running

Did you know, we use around 10% of our household's water in the kitchen? You can save hot water, and money, by using a washing-up bowl rather than leaving the tap running whilst you wash up dishes. Washing-up bowls are also great for soaking stains off dishes before you put them in the dishwasher, if you have one.



8. Monitor your consumption on our portal

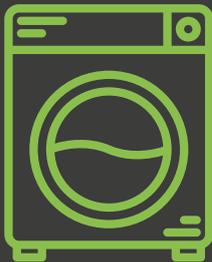
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Save Electricity:



9. Invest in 'smart plugs'

Smart plugs sit between your appliance and your socket. They can be controlled through an app, or linked to your smart home device. You can control electrical items from anywhere, giving you peace of mind when you're out that nothing is switched on at home! These plugs can be great for switching on/off portable heaters, electric blankets and more.



10. Lower your wash temperature

Washer-dryers can be expensive to run, costing over £206 on average per year. But did you know that washing your clothes at a lower temperature, can be both effective and save money? In a which.com study, switching from 40°C to 30°C cut costs by 38%! You can save even more energy by washing larger loads, less frequently.



11. Air dry when you can

The average tumble dryer costs £1.54 per cycle. In the warmer months, air drying your clothes outside on a line or on a clothes horse is an easy way to save money. Air drying your clothes outside twice a week during the summer months could save you £60.00!



12. Keep your appliances clean!

To keep your appliances running efficiently, make sure they're clean! Don't forget to descale your kettle, clean out the lint filter in your dryer, and clean the coils behind your fridge. These small steps can save you energy and money.



13. Switch it off standby

Some devices use more energy than others if they're switched on at the wall, even if the device itself is 'off'. Smart speakers / smart home devices could be costing you an extra £60 a year, TVs can cost an additional £24 per year, and microwaves an extra £13 a year by being on standby mode... all these small costs add up - so switching them off at the mains is a great way to save!



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