

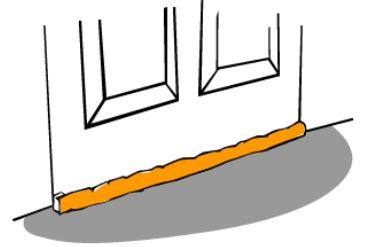
SAVE MONEY – SAVE ENERGY – STAY COOL

9 THINGS ON A BUDGET

YOU CAN DO IN YOUR HOME

1. Draught proof your home

15–25% of cooling is lost through leaks around external doors and windows. Check for gaps, measure their width, and install seals like foam and weather strips, door snakes or silicon. You could even make your own door snake!

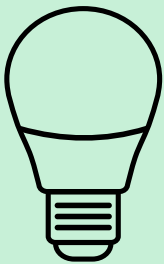


2. Install window shading

To minimise heat coming through north and west-facing windows, you can use temporary options like shade sails and removable window insulation, or long-term fixes like blackout curtains, blinds and awnings. For extra insulation, install a pelmet over your curtains or blinds.

3. Plant a tree on the western side of your house

Planting a tree outside western windows is a great investment towards future energy savings. In extreme heat events, shading provided by large trees will keep your home cooler and reduce energy use. In the meantime, large potplants, vines or creepers will help cool the air, filter light and absorb some heat too.

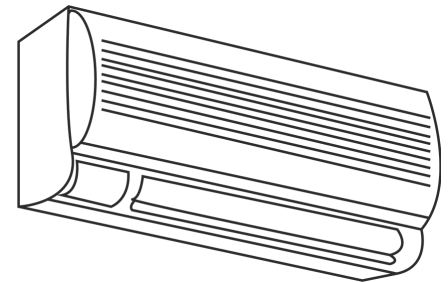


4. Use energy efficient LED light bulbs

Using LED light bulbs inside and outside your home will save on energy costs, with the added bonus that they don't generate heat. LEDs now come in 'warm glow', as well as the bright white 'cool glow' bulbs.

5. Maintain your air conditioner

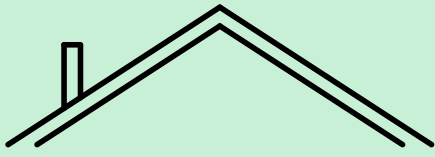
Call a local air conditioning maintenance company to assess if your air conditioner needs cleaning or other maintenance for it to run efficiently. Once you've done this, put a reminder in your diary for next October, in time for summer!



REDUCE YOUR BILLS AND EMISSIONS THIS SUMMER

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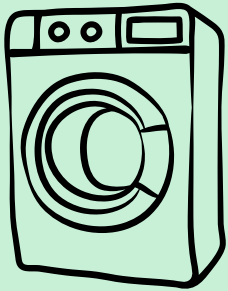
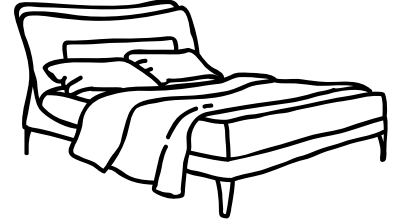


6. Use a chimney damper

If you have a chimney, using a damper will stop warm air from entering the home, and avoid energy loss out of the chimney.

7. Invest in good quality, breathable bed sheets

Using quality cotton or bamboo bed sheets will keep you cooler at night compared with silk, satin or flannelette. You may not need the air conditioner on as often.



8. Replace old appliances with energy efficient ones

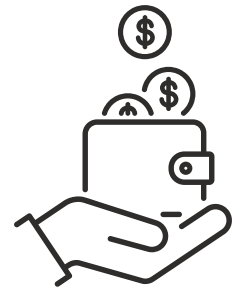
Use the calculator at energyrating.gov.au to find out how much you could save by upgrading your appliances. The higher the star rating, the cheaper to run. You may be surprised at how quickly your energy savings can pay back your investment.

9. Are you eligible for an energy efficiency rebate?

You may be eligible for a rebate to help with the cost of insulation, secondary glazing, new energy efficient heating and cooling appliances, water heating, lighting, fridges, stand-by power controllers and more!

Check to see if you're eligible at:

escosa.sa.gov.au/industry/rebs/activities/rebs-activities



MY COOL HOME

View the 3D interactive home walk-through and My Cool Home assessment tool to learn more about making your home comfortable, energy efficient and climate resilient.

adaptwest.com.au/my-cool-home

Thanks to AdaptWest and Hubble for developing this tool for our communities to use.

HOME ENERGY TOOLKIT

Available from your local library, you can use this toolkit to audit energy use in your home and identify ways to reduce energy and save on bills.

Contact the **Energy Advisory Service** by phone 8204 1888 or email energyadvice@sa.gov.au for free, independent information on a range of energy topics.



For more ideas and resources visit:

resilienteast.com/climatereadyhomes

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