How energy efficient is your home?

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Insulation

Here are some tips to prepare for the winter season, which can have a big impact on the cost of running your home. Use this quick checklist to help you reduce your energy consumption.

Lighting

	Install curtains, blinds or window film to prevent heat loss.			Replace halogen and fluorescent light globes with energy-efficient LED globes.
	Ensure you have adequate underfloor insulation; top i A well-insulated home will from escaping, so less ene to maintain a comfortable	t up if required. prevent heat ergy is required	0	Avoid leaving lights on when they're not needed Switch off lights when you leave the room. Installing smart lighting that connects to Wi-Fi or Bluetooth can help with that, as it makes it easy to control lights with your phone.
	Prevent draughts quickly a adding door sweeps and so Draught-proof your home seals and re-caulking your	nakes. by installing weather		Install skylights to maximise natural light in older or darker homes. Install a skylight blind to help manage heat and light throughout the year.
	If you're using a split system in winter, set it to a temperature between 18-20°C. This is a good balance between keeping warm without wasting energy. (Every degree higher uses more electricity.)		0	Appliances Wash clothes in cold water. Use a wall-mounted clothesline or portable drying rack to dry your clothes instead of a dryer.
0	Install an insulating wrap and lagging around your hot water cylinder and pipes.			Switch off appliances at the wall when not in use.
	Use plants, trees and other to shelter your home from	•	0	Energy timers are also useful for controlling household appliances, switching them off when not in use. Invest in smart solutions, such as 24-hour mechanical timers and energy-saving powerboards. Purchase an energy-efficient dishwasher. (The higher the star rating, the more energy efficient it is.)