

How efficient is your home?



SIMPLESAVER\$ Checklist

Making small changes can have a big impact to the cost of running your home. Use this quick checklist to help save you money by reducing your energy and water consumption.

Energy

- Replace your halogen and fluorescent light globes with energy efficient LED globes.
- Switch off lights when you leave the room.
- Use curtains and/or blinds to keep your home cool and warm as required.
- Ensure you have adequate ceiling, wall and underfloor insulation, and top up if required. A well-insulated home will prevent heat from escaping, so less energy is required to maintain a comfortable temperature.
- If you have a heat pump, set it to 21 or 22 degrees. This is a good balance between keeping warm but not wasting energy. Every degree higher, may use 10% more electricity.
- Hang clothes on an clothes line or drying rack outside instead of using a dryer.
- Switch off appliances at the wall when not in use.
- Install an insulating wrap and lagging around your hot water cylinder and pipes.
- Wash clothes in cold water.

Water

- Collect water when showering and use in the garden.
- Ensure that all toilets in the home are dual flush.
- Add mulch and compost to the garden to help maintain moisture and minimise the need for watering.
- Install a water-efficient system in the garden such as a drip system, tap timers or micro-irrigation system.
- Use a timer to limit shower times to under 5 minutes to save water and power.
- Install water saving taps or flow restrictors.
- Check and repair leaky taps to minimise water loss.
- Install a water saving showerhead in the bathroom.
- Only turn the dishwasher on when you have a full load.

