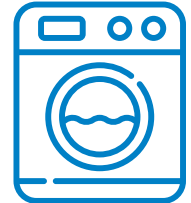




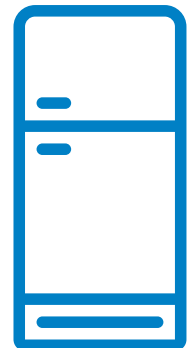
Bathroom and Laundry

- Save water and energy by reducing shower times to 4 minutes
- Brush your teeth with the tap off
- Fix leaking toilets and taps
- Put a bucket in the shower and use the water collected for watering the garden
- Consider washing clothes in cold water and only wash with a full load
- Dry clothes on outdoor line or indoor clothes rack rather than in the dryer
- Turn off water heater if you are going away for a few days
- A 4 minute shower timer can reduce water and energy
- Use a low flow shower head



Kitchen and Living

- Set fridge to 4 or 5 degrees and -15 degrees in freezer
- A full fridge uses less energy
- Check the fridge and the wire grill at the back are well ventilated
- Check seals by placing a strip of paper in the doorway - if you are able to pull paper out easily, it is time for a reseal
- Avoid using the microwave to defrost frozen food
- Use the smallest appliances you can. For example, use a toaster instead of the griller to make toast
- Air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's drying cycle
- Plug the sink or use a bowl when you are washing dishes
- Measure water for coffee/tea appropriately and top up kettle
- Make sure your dishwasher is full before running the load
- Use the fan setting on your air conditioner and ensure that your appliance is maintained and clean



Appliances

- Turn appliances off at the wall to avoid standby power use
- Laptops use less energy than desktop computers
- Check the stars of your appliances; the more stars, the more efficient the appliance is

Heating and Cooling

- Open your windows in the afternoon or overnight in the summer to cool your house
- Close your curtains before the sun comes up on hot days
- Close internal and external doors and windows when it is cold outside and when heaters are on
- Keep your thermostat at the right temperature. Set it between 24-27 degrees in summer and between 18-20 degrees in winter
- Use blankets and warm clothing to keep warm when possible

Garden

- Check your sprinkler running times
- Water once on your nominated watering days before 9am
- Add water wise mulch to the garden
- Using a pool cover reduces the amount of water lost through evaporation



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