

Energy Busting Tips

Are you dreading your next electricity bill? Starting to worry about how the increases in electricity prices are going to affect you. Well you're not alone, so what can you do to reduce your anxiety and your bills.

Most of the time simple and easy commonsense measures can cut hundreds of dollars of your bills just by following the following steps.

Top Ten Ways to Reduce Your Bills FOR FREE

1. Most people do not realise how much electricity a simple light bulb could be adding to the cost of their electricity bills. **Turning off lights** when you exit a room will make a significant difference.
2. Try to **avoid using the clothes dryer**, if the weather is bad purchase a clothes rack that you can use inside.
3. If going **on holidays turn off your electric hot water system** at the meter board to avoid the system constantly heating up water when it's not being used.
4. If you have a **peak smart enabled air conditioner** you can **connect your air-conditioning unit to Tariff 33** – which provides a guaranteed 18 hours of electricity at tariff 33 rates. You may not be able to turn on the system on during peak times, but this could be a good compromise to still enjoy your heating/cooling system without costing the earth. **Energex are currently offering \$250 reward for split system (peak smart enabled) and \$500 reward for ducted systems (peak smart enabled)**. To see whether your air conditioner is eligible and view Energex terms and conditions. Check [HERE](#)
5. An old inefficient pool pump could be costing you up to \$640 annually to run on tariff 11. By connect your pool pump to Tariff 33 (if possible) could save you hundreds off your bill. Energex are currently offering \$250 reward for connecting your pool pump to tariff 33. Click [HERE](#) to read more. Or
6. Turn off additional refrigerators. Have a good think about how much you really use the other fridge, if it's only for the occasional party switch it off in-between time or if it to store extra food think whether you really need to stock pile this much as you could be paying a fortune for "just in case you need it".
7. When running your **air conditioner set the temperature to 23 degrees in Summer**, as every degree below this will cost you 10% more in running costs (eg. Running at 20 degrees will cost you 30% more than running it at 23 degrees) Or to save more open windows for ventilation rather than turning on the air conditioner in summer time.

8. Use cold water to wash your clothes, with the many washing detergents available today that are made for cold water washing it makes sense to use these rather using your electricity to heat up the water.
9. Once the weather starts to cool down, remember to close any windows that have been left open, use a throw blanket to snuggle up and keep warm whilst watching TV, get out the hug boots. If you do turn on the heater, keep the heat in the room you're in by closing the door.
10. Using low flow showerheads in your shower usually consume less energy and provide the same amount of comfort.

All these free suggestions will reduce your energy usage and your power bills but they do take self discipline and children are often the worst offenders in leaving everything turned on. So if you don't want to compromise on life style you can still reduce your bills by purchasing energy saving products such as a solar hot water system, solar power system, led lighting, skylights and monitoring systems. If you'd like to find out more visit www.anyenergy.com.au