

What to do if renting?



1. If in a strata, talk to your strata neighbours and the council of owners about getting off gas and putting electrification in the 10 year strata plan.
2. Switch to electric transport where possible (e.g. electric car, electric bike or electric scooter) and use public transport.
3. Set the aircon temperature to 19 degrees in winter and 24 degrees in summer. Heat/cool only the spaces you occupy, use reverse cycle air conditioning.
4. Limit time in the shower to 4 minutes to save energy.
5. Keeping the mixer tap in the cold position, stops the use of energy to heat water (remember the middle position is actually using some hot water).
6. When buying new electric appliances look for the most energy efficient because they are cheaper to run and will save money over time.
7. Using gas to cook pollutes the air in your home. Use energy efficient electric appliances instead e.g. portable induction cooktop, electric fry pan, air fryer, slow cookers and microwave.
8. Use an electric lap rug rather than heating the whole room.
9. Turn off all appliances when not in use (don't leave on standby) e.g. TV, power-hungry computers, gaming machines etc.
10. Thermal lined curtains are a good option to cover windows. Ready-made curtains are reasonably priced from Ikea, Spotlight etc.
11. Seal up gaps to prevent heating /cooling loss e.g. gaps under and around doors and windows, fireplace flues. NOTE: if the home has an evaporative cooler on the roof, there needs to be a cover fitted from Autumn to Spring.