

TOP WAYS TO HELP YOU **SAVE ELECTRICITY** **THIS WINTER**

Winter is an expensive time of the year for most households when it comes to using electricity, especially with tariffs still rising.

By developing smart energy usage habits in your household, you can start saving on your electricity bill at no cost. You can save even more by adding a few low-cost items, usually for less than R1000.

If you want to make a much bigger difference, you should invest in energy-efficient equipment. Check out the invest-to-save options inside.

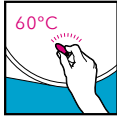


FOLLOW THESE
PROVEN STEPS AND
YOU'LL BE **SAVING**
THROUGHOUT
THE WINTER
AND BEYOND.
YOU'LL ALSO BE
DOING SOMETHING
POSITIVE FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT AND
HELPING ALL SOUTH
AFRICANS AT THIS TIME
OF ELECTRICITY
SUPPLY SHORTAGE.



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NO-COST



Turn

Turn down your geyser temperature to 60°C. This will save you up to 5% on your electricity bill.



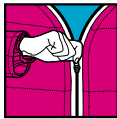
Flip

Rather take a shower. You'll save up to 80% in water and use 5 times less electricity than heating a bath of water.



Set

Set your pool pump to run fewer hours. At 10 hours a day, it uses about 11% of your electricity. For winter, 2 - 3 hours is enough for most pools.



Wear

Put on warm clothes instead of switching on a heater. Use layers to manage your warmth and comfort. Wear hats and scarves.



Direct

Put heat only where you need it, if you need it. Direct heat to your body with hot water bottles, electric blankets or fan heaters. Heat the person not the space.



Close

Close curtains and blinds to trap the day's heat inside for the colder night hours. Let the warm sunshine back in the next day.



Dry

Dry laundry using sunshine whenever possible, not the tumble dryer. For rainy days use drying racks indoors.

LOW-COST



Fit

Install an energy and water efficient showerhead. These use up to 40% less hot water and will save you money on your electricity bill.



Cover

Fit your geyser with a geyser blanket. It prevents heat loss, reducing the cost of electricity needed to keep water hot.



Wrap

Insulate your hot water pipes. This prevents heat loss, reducing the cost of electricity needed to keep water hot.



Place

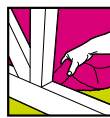
Bring food to a boil, then place the hot pot in an insulation cooker to keep food cooking without electricity. The retained heat slow-cooks, saving up to 60% on energy.



Seal

Seal or block gaps around windows and doors to keep heat from escaping and cold drafts from breezing in.

INVEST-TO-SAVE



Lay

Insulate your ceiling. It slows heat loss, making your home up to 5°C warmer in winter, saving up to 16% of your electricity annually.



Install

Invest in a solar water heater. It uses the sun to heat up your water, saving you 25% or more on your electricity bill.

For more information on how you can save electricity and on the City's Accredited Solar Water Heater programme go to: www.SavingElectricity.org.za.

