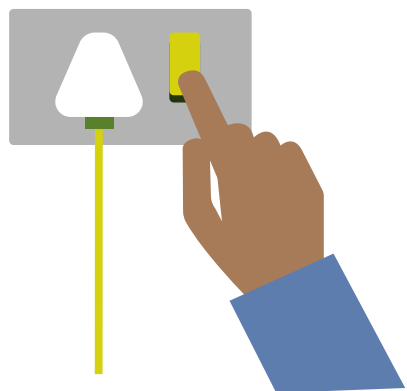


# 16 ways

## to save electricity at home

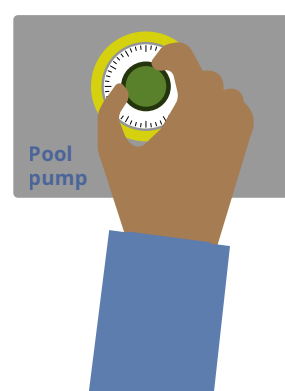
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### Switch off

Switch off appliances at the wall and pull out chargers. This could save you up to 6% of your electricity bill.



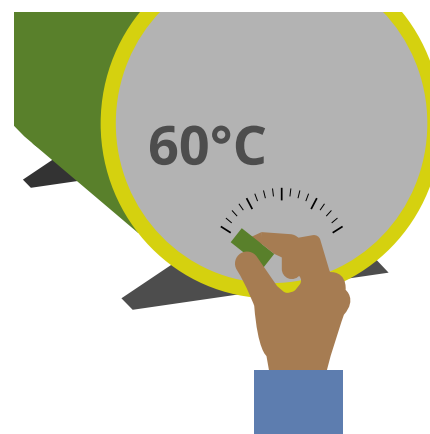
### Reduce hours

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.



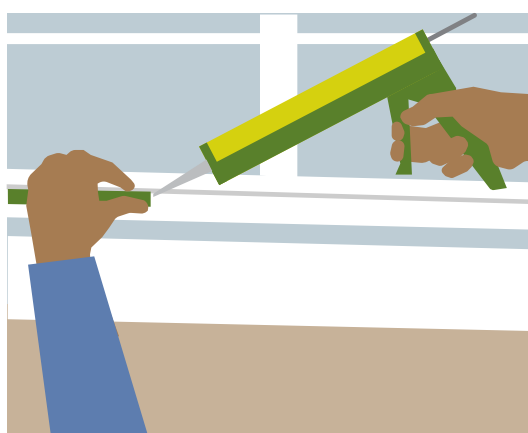
### Slow cook

Bring food to a boil then place hot pot in an insulation cooker. The retained heat slow-cooks, saving up to 60% on energy.



### Turn down

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



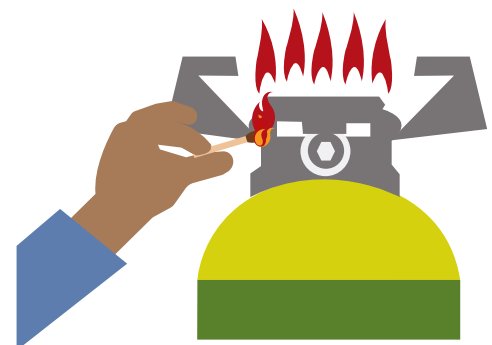
### Seal gaps

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



### Light up

Light a fire instead of using electric heating. Fireplaces retain heat and warm spaces effectively, keeping your cost down and the warmth up.



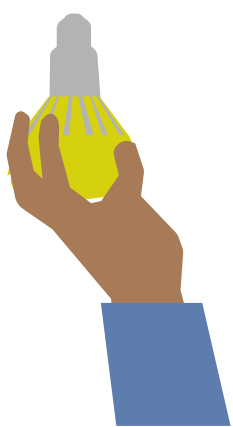
### Switch to gas

Use gas for cooking. Gas is more efficient than electricity and you have the added bonus of still being able to cook during power outages.



### Insulate

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.



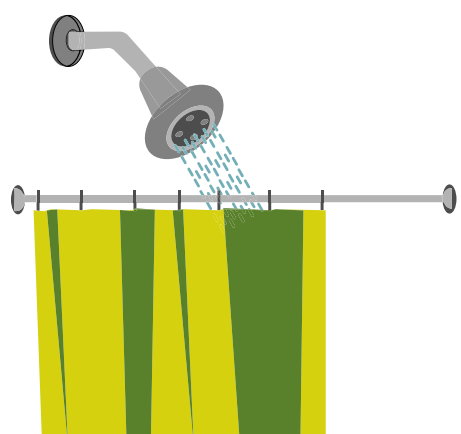
### Replace bulbs

Replace regular bulbs with energy-saving ones that use 6 times less electricity.



### Adjust shower

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



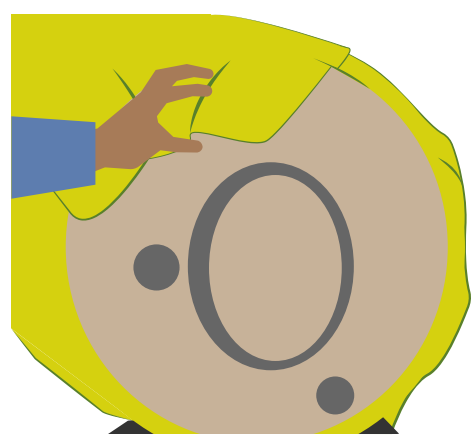
### Shower instead

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



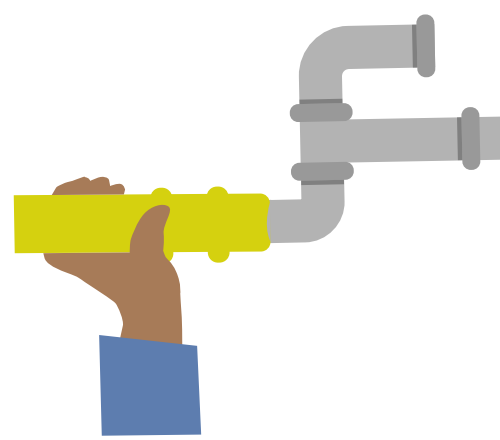
### Use sunshine

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



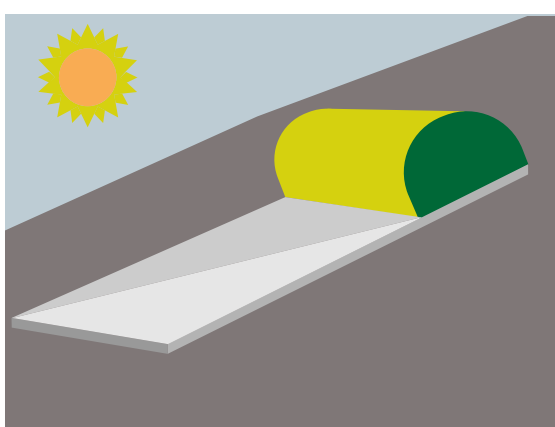
### Cover up

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



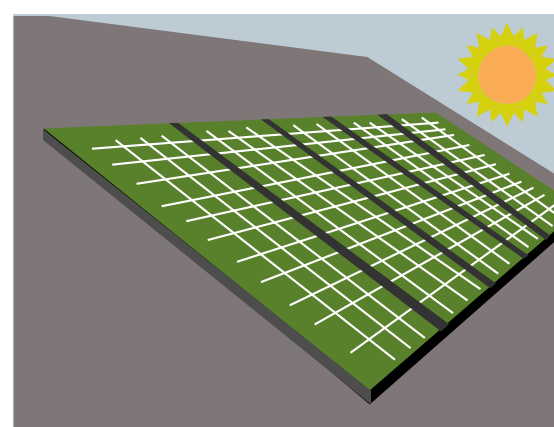
### Wrap it

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



### Invest in solar

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



### Generate your electricity

Install a solar photovoltaic system. These generate electricity from the sun's energy.



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