



Winter energy tip
#1

Heat your home efficiently



The energy used for heating a typical home generates more than one and a half tonnes of greenhouse gases and costs more than \$200 each year.

- Dress appropriately for the weather: put on a jumper before turning on a heater. A heating setting of 20°C is usually comfortable. An extra 1°C difference in your heater setting can add around 10% to heating costs and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Clean heater filters as recommended by the manufacturer: a clogged filter reduces air flow and efficiency.

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Roof insulation

Stay up to 12°C warmer in winter and cooler in summer, and cut your home energy costs by up to a third. Now's a great time to install roof insulation with a discounted package from Blacktown Solar City. Save up to 10% off the standard retail price for insulation and receive a special \$200 rebate as a thank-you for your participation in this trial.

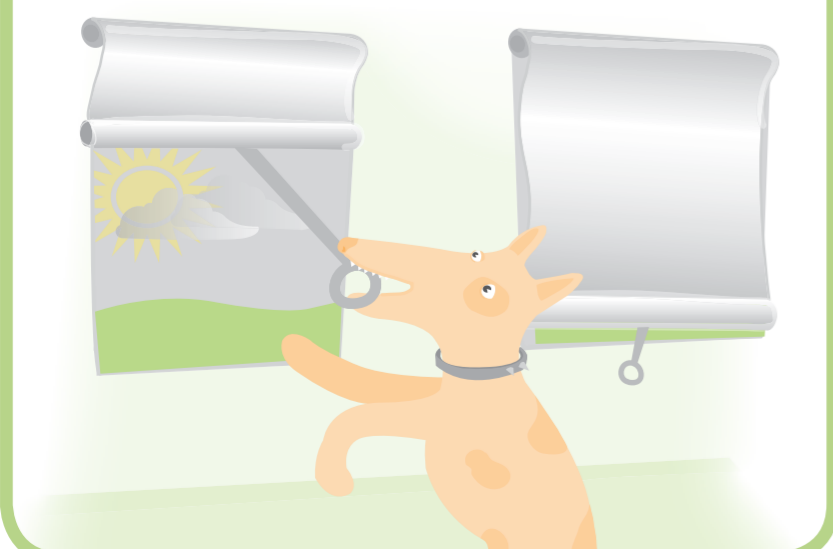


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Close windows

Windows are the weakest point of most houses. In winter a window can lose 10 times as much heat as the same area of insulated wall. By closing your curtains and blinds at night you will help to keep the warmth in and the cold out.

Don't let icy draughts turn your home into a freezer. Seal gaps around window frames and use door snakes to block draughts coming under doors.



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Keep cold out!

When heating or cooling, close windows and external doors, as well as doors to unheated areas such as laundries, bathrooms and unoccupied rooms, so you're not heating the great outdoors. A door snake is great for keeping out drafts.

You can save up to 3 kilograms of greenhouse gas per hour by keeping out the cold.



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Best heater?

Select a low greenhouse impact source for heating. Reverse cycle airconditioners and gas heaters carry energy labels to help you choose an efficient model. See www.energyrating.gov.au for more information.

Approximate greenhouse gas emissions from heaters are shown in the graph below.

