



Build it plus

Welcome to Build It PLUS



Make your home a better place

Plan your next D.I.Y. project right from the start.

These Build It D.I.Y. brochures have been compiled especially for you to help you through every step of your home D.I.Y. projects.

We've given you expert advice on what materials you'll need and step-by-step instructions on how to get the job done right, first time.

Please feel free to visit any of our stores and speak to one of our consultants on advice about your projects.

We say **Yes** to getting the job done right



Follow these tips to reduce your energy footprint and save **money**



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Reduce

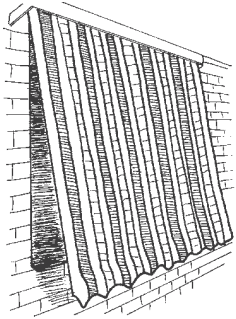
energy costs



In every home there are many easy and low cost ways to reduce energy costs. By making simple changes to your home and garden you can significantly reduce your household costs all year round.

HOUSE - GENERAL TIPS

Check for and repair any draughts that exist in your ceiling, floor, windows, walls, roof and pipes. Draughts will allow cool or warm air to enter the house which could increase your energy usage and costs. Block off the chimney when not in use as this will allow hot air to enter the house during summer and cool air during winter. Turn appliances off at the power point when not in use to reduce standby power.



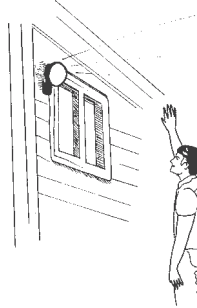
Keep out the heat. On hot days the north and west facing windows should have the blinds pulled down.

HEATING & COOLING

Install ceiling and wall insulation as this is a good way to make your house energy efficient and reduce energy costs. Install exterior and interior blinds to reduce heat gain and loss in the house. Close windows and unused rooms when heating and cooling your home. Use reverse angle ceiling fans to force hot air down to floor level. Set your thermostat to 18-20C in winter and 24-26C in summer. Maximise north facing windows to allow winter sun to heat the home.

LIGHTING

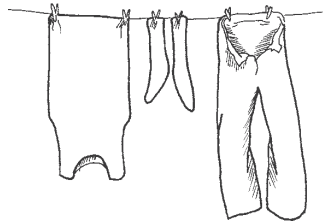
Turn off internal and external lights whenever you aren't using them. Replace incandescent light bulbs with CFL and LED globes. CFL and LED globes use significantly less energy and last longer, saving you money. Install motion detectors to control lighting in frequently unoccupied areas, such as the front door or side path. Clean light fittings annually as dust reduces their output.



Motion detector lights are a great energy saver in low traffic areas.

LAUNDRY

Wash clothes only when you have a full load. Use cold water to wash clothes as using hot water will contribute to your energy usage and bills. Try not to use your dryer to dry your clothes. Using a clothesline or airer is simple & cost effective.



Use the clothes line to dry your clothes. On hot days you will be surprised how quickly your clothes will dry.

KITCHEN

- Use the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- Open the refrigerator only when necessary.
- Defrost refrigerators and freezers before ice buildup becomes thick.
- Use cook top instead of oven whenever possible.
- Clean the refrigerator coils regularly.
- Perform scheduled maintenance on the fridge, dishwasher and oven.
- Adjust door latches (if needed) and replace worn door gaskets.

BATHROOM

- Install a water efficient showerhead and flow restrictors as this will reduce your energy costs.
- Have a short shower instead of a bath.
- Install a solar hot water system.

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