

ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR HOME OFFICE

With more people working from home, managing home energy use becomes more important. Take a look at our energy efficiency tips for some practical advice on how to cut your home office energy use and your bills.



COMPUTERS



- LCD monitors have greater energy efficiency than older monitors.
- Laptops are more efficient than desktop computers. The smaller your monitor, the less energy it uses.
- Don't use screensavers. Instead, set your monitors to automatically turn off after inactivity.



EFFICIENCY



- Often the higher cost of an energy saving appliances is recouped with lower running costs over the lifetime of the appliance.
 - Australia has an energy rating labelling system that compares the efficiency of a range of products. Minimum standards are also in place for appliances.
- To compare models of home appliances, visit the Government's Energy Rating website:**
www.energyrating.gov.au/consumers.



EQUIPMENT



- TVs, printers and computers use energy in standby mode. When not in use, switch appliances off at the wall.
- If using multiple appliances at once, a power board allows you to switch off all equipment using the same switch.



ENERGY PLANS



- When shopping around for energy plans, the amount you can save also depends on how and when you consume energy. Speak to your retailer to discuss the best plan for your needs.
- Energy retailers are ready to provide accessible and tailored assistance to customers affected by COVID-19. If you're experiencing financial hardship, retailers offer different proactive assistance measures.



LIGHTING



- Use low-energy lights, especially if being used over long periods. LED lights use less energy than other lights.
- Turn off lights at night and if you are not using a room.
- If you only need a small amount of light, use a lamp and plug-in one light per switch, instead of one switch turning on several lights.



COMPARE



- You may be able to save on your bill by shopping around and finding an offer that suits your energy needs. Compare your bill to other offers using a Government comparison site:
- Energy Made Easy a free independent site operated by the Australian Energy Regulator. The site allows customers to compare retailers and plans in their area.
 - Victorian Energy Compare is an independent Victorian Government price comparator.



HEATING & COOLING



- Set heaters to 18°C. On hot days, set your air conditioner to 26°C.
 - Close doors to unused rooms to reduce the area to cool or heat.
 - Close curtains and window shades to reduce the amount of energy needed to maintain your home's temperature.
 - Clean your air conditioner filter so it doesn't use as much energy to run.
 - Switch off your cooling or heating overnight and when you're not home.
 - If you have gas heating, have it inspected every year.
- Remember to never use a petrol or diesel generator inside your home, even if doors and windows are open.*

Energy Made Easy:

<https://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/>

Victorian Energy Compare:

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

www.energycouncil.com.au