

Some green facts about staying cool this summer

Air conditioners

Save 10–30% on running costs and take a further 15% off with a thermostat control.

- Buy air conditioners with at least 4.5 stars.
- Every extra star can reduce running costs by up to 10%.
- Using thermostat controlled heating and cooling can save you 15% a year on running costs for every 1 degree Celsius you turn the air conditioner up or the heater down.
- Use the energy rating label to find the most efficient appliances.
- The more stars the better. Every extra star can save you hundreds of dollars each year.

Compare star ratings

- To compare models with the same star rating, use the numbers on the energy rating label. The lower the number, the more you save.

Buy ResourceSmart

- Buy air conditioners with at least 4.5 stars. Save even more with 6 star models.
- Get professional advice on the right output capacity for your home.
- Choose units with inverters that respond to the changing cooling/heating needs of your room.
- Look for an easily adjustable thermostat.

Maximise efficiency

- Set winter heating temperatures at 18–20 degrees Celsius and summer cooling at 26 degrees Celsius.
- Keep heat out by drawing curtains and blinds, and closing doors and windows.
- Insulate your home for maximum efficiency and seal gaps around doors and windows.
- If you have a gas heater, use it instead of a reverse cycle air conditioner as they use less energy and are cheaper to run.

For more information ask your retailer or visit resourcesmart.vic.gov.au.

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Quick Fact

Power Saver? Switch off appliances at the wall rather than leaving them on standby and save up to 10% off your electricity bill.

How to have a ResourceSmart home and bank the savings

Use Compact Fluorescent Lamps

Save up to 80% on lighting bills.

Choose at least 4 stars on fridges

Save 20% with every extra star over the lifetime of your fridge.

Choose dishwashers with at least 3.5 star energy rating and a 3.5 star water rating

Save 30% on running costs with every extra star.

Install solar hot water systems

Get up to \$1,500 cash back from government rebates.

Choose washing machines with at least 3.5 star energy rating and 4 star water rating

Save up to 25% on running costs with every extra star.

Choose dryers with at least 2 stars

Save up to 15% on running costs with every extra star.

Install a 5 star gas hot water system

Save up to 15% on running costs with a 5 star system.

Thermostat control home heating and cooling

Just 1 degree Celsius can save up to 10% on running costs.

Become a GreenPower customer

Immediately reduce household greenhouse gas emissions by up to 70%.

And remember to turn off appliances at the wall and save up to 10% on your energy bill!

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