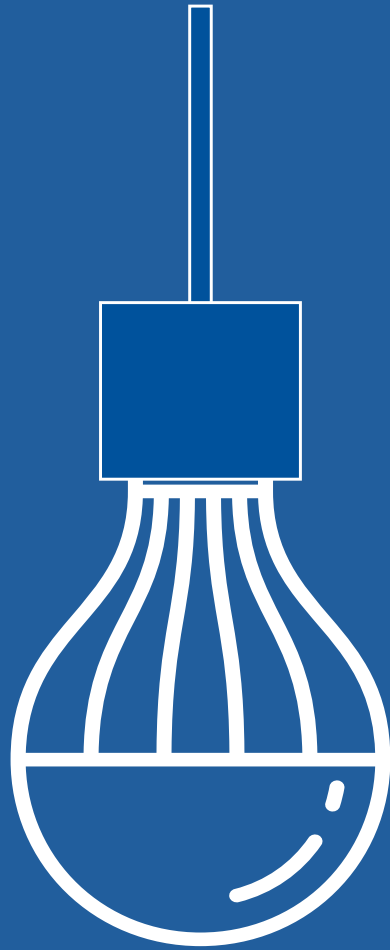


# Use only the electricity that you need in your home

## Fact Sheet



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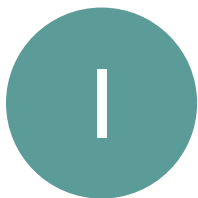


When being part of a microcosm community, we continuously strive to be responsible and diligent homeowners. With a limited supply of electricity, a situation that still affects us all, it is important for us to work together, to manage our consumption and to use only what we really need.

So when and how is the best time to use your electricity? We have provided some tips and guidelines on how to be energy smart. By practicing these tips and adopting this behaviour regularly it will help to use only what you need as well as reduce your electricity bill in the long term.

### Switch off during evening peak

Did you know that your geyser contributes up to 30% of your monthly energy usage? Switch it off during peak times, between 5pm to 9pm to help reduce demand on the grid during this period. You can insulate your geyser and hot water pipes to reduce heat loss and in so doing make your water system more efficient.



### Shower instead of bathing

When you shower you use considerably less water than bathing and, if you use a water-efficient showerhead in your shower, you are doubling your efforts to save on hot water, which means less work for your geyser.



### Light the way

Replacing all your incandescent bulbs with LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) and CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Lamps) will contribute greatly towards reducing your electricity consumption and in the long term your bill. Additionally, switch off the lights if you're not occupying a room.



## Unplug

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Don't leave your appliances on standby mode, as they still use up to 15% of their operating power. Rather switch them off at the plug point and do not forget to unplug your cell phone charger after your phone has charged or it will continue to draw power.



## Controlling your room temperature

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During winter it's best to keep your room temperature set between 18° C – 20° C. Dress warmly; use an extra jacket, blankets and a hot water bottle to keep warm, to avoid using a heater. In summer, set your air-conditioner between 20° C to 23° C and wear light, loose-fitting clothing like shorts and short-sleeved tops and drink plenty of cold fluids to keep your body hydrated and cool.

## Power Alert

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Remember to keep an eye out and respond to the real-time Power Alert messages on SABC, etv and DSTV to help manage the strain on the electricity system. Together we can make a difference and keep the lights on.



## Eskom is always happy to assist you with your queries.

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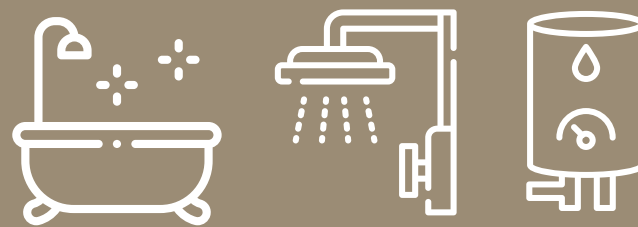
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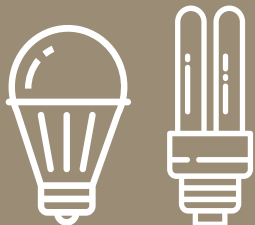
### Kitchen Appliances



### Water heating



### Lighting



### Heating/Cooling



### Other electrical equipment



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