

Year-round energy saving tips

Clever cooking and better baking

- Cook and bake using smaller, energy-efficient appliances such as microwaves and toaster ovens.
- Plan meals so that you can bake several dishes together.

Freezer facts

- Keep your freezer stocked. It takes more energy to stay cold when empty. Use bags of ice, paper or cardboard to fill the empty space.
- Mark freezer items for quick identification so you can find things quickly without losing too much cold air.

Hot water hints

- Adjust your hot water heater thermostat to 55°C/130°F. (If your dishwasher does not have a temperature booster, set the thermostat to 60°C/140°F.)
- Drain your electric hot water heater every six months to remove sediment build-up which interferes with efficiency. Turn the power off first!

Bright ideas for lights

- Use fluorescent lights whenever possible. They use only 1/4 the energy of incandescent lights.
- Use timers and light-sensitive devices such as photoelectric cells to control lighting.

Smart dishwashing

- Run your dishwasher only when you have a full load. Use the energy-saver cycle, or open the door at the end of the rinse cycle to let the dishes dry naturally.
- Don't pre-rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Modern dishwashers do an excellent job of cleaning even heavily soiled dishes.

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