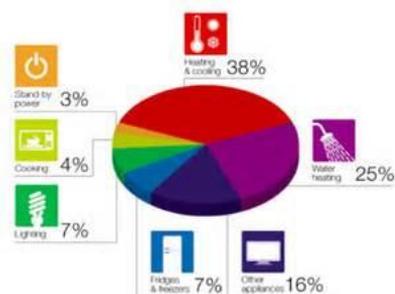


# Energy Smart Checklist

## Live smart, save energy, save money



### How to use this Checklist

This checklist has been created to help you reduce energy waste and save money. The list is zoned into the various rooms of a home to make it easy to go through the home.

With a few simple actions you can make a difference to your energy bills. Be smart, be efficient and spend the savings on something fun!

<b>Indoors checklist</b>	<b>Can do</b>	<b>Done it</b>
<b>Whole of house items</b>		
➤ Always buy energy and water efficient appliances		
➤ Hot water (storage systems) check temp is set to 65 degrees C		
➤ Insulate hot water pipes where possible		
➤ Insulate any ducting and check there are no leaks		
➤ Draft proof the home (see our DIY Draft Proofing Checklist)		
➤ Reduce the set temperature on the heating in winter (aim for 19 degrees C)		
➤ In winter, close window coverings to help maintain warmth in the home		
➤ In summer, shade the windows to minimise heat gain in the home		
➤ Increase the set temperature for cooling in summer (aim for 25 degrees C)		
➤ Use energy saving lighting (LED, CFL or fluros) and turn off when not needed		
<b>In the Kitchen</b>		
➤ Only fill the kettle with enough water for the number of drinks you are making		
➤ Cook with the lid on saucepans and turn the temp down on the cooker		
➤ Use the microwave or bench to defrost food (not hot water or the oven)		
➤ Minimise oven use where possible and keep door closed when in use		
➤ Only run the dishwasher when full and use the 'short' or 'eco' cycle		
➤ Turn chargers, computers and electronics off at the power when not charging		
➤ Check the seals on the fridge and ensure it is well ventilated		
➤ Check Fridge temperature is 4 degrees C, Freezer is -18 degrees C		
<b>Family / Living / Lounge Rooms</b>		
➤ Use standby power cut out switches to reduce standby power waste		
➤ Make sure all gaming equipment is off when not in use		
➤ Use a fan before turning on the air conditioner		
➤ Use a fan in conjunction with an air conditioner and turn up the set temp		
<b>Laundry</b>		
➤ Only run washing machine when full and spin on high to assist fast drying		
➤ Minimise use of the dryer, air dry on the line or a drying rack instead		
➤ Wash in cold water when you can		
<b>Bathrooms &amp; Toilets</b>		
➤ Use water saving shower heads and basin taps, it reduces hot water energy		
<b>Bedrooms</b>		
➤ Turn off any chargers at the power point when not charging the device		
➤ Use low energy lamps for reading		

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<b>Outside checklist</b>	<b>Can do</b>	<b>Done it</b>
<b>Garage / Carport / Shed</b>		
➤ Beer Fridge (empty into kitchen fridge and turn off when not needed)		
➤ Turn off any electrical tools etc. at the power point when not in use		
<b>Pools and Spas</b>		
➤ Use the cover when it's not in use		
➤ Minimise pool pump running times when you can		
➤ If heated, opt for solar heating and turn it off for winter and when away		
<b>Irrigation systems</b>		
➤ Check timer settings appropriate for expected weather		
<b>Other</b>		
➤ Install solar garden lighting, it's easy and costs nothing to run		
➤ Consider green roofs or vertical gardens to shelter the building from sun		



And that's most, but not all, of the ways you can save energy, and money, at home.

The bottom line - if you don't need it don't use it!