

SAVE POWER

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SUPERHERO TO SAVE THE PLANET!

There are simple things you can do to help our environment. Habits are hard to break but if you make small changes, they will soon become part of your daily routine.

VAMPIRES

- ▶ Standby power, also known as vampire power, is energy used by most household appliances – like our TVs, stereos and DVD players – while they're plugged in but not being used. The best way to make sure you're not wasting energy is to turn your electrical appliances off at the wall when you're not using them.

BE COOL

- ▶ Set your aircon between 24 and 27 degrees Celsius or above and turn the fan on.
- ▶ The fan will circulate the air and reduce humidity, helping you stay cool and use less power.
- ▶ Remember, for every degree cooler, you increase energy use by about 10%.
- ▶ Run your aircon on a timer.
- ▶ Keep aircon filters clean.

KEEP WARM

- ▶ Close your windows and draw curtains close wherever possible to help reduce heat loss.
- ▶ Heavy curtains with pelmets work best. A pelmet is a framework placed above a window to hide curtain fixtures.
- ▶ Close doors to rooms not being used.
- ▶ Block aircon outlets and vents in winter.
- ▶ Use draft stoppers or a 'door sausage' on doors.
- ▶ Instead of having your heater on high, put on a jumper and slippers and use a rug when sitting in front of the TV or computer.

LIGHTEN UP

- ▶ Using compact, high energy efficiency fluorescent lighting can save up to 80% in lighting running costs and they last up to eight times longer than regular (incandescent) bulbs.
- ▶ During the day, instead of turning on the lights, open your curtains to let natural light in.

IN YOUR LIVING ROOM OR BEDROOM

- ▶ Turn off all lights, fans and appliances if you're not using them.
- ▶ If your living room or bedroom is air conditioned, close the curtains.
- ▶ Beware of the power vampires! Unplug appliances when you're not using them.

IN YOUR KITCHEN

- ▶ Don't leave the refrigerator door open.
- ▶ Use your electric kettle instead of the electric stove to boil water.
- ▶ Wait until the dishwasher is full before you run it.
- ▶ Use your dishwasher's economy cycle if it has one.
- ▶ Use a cold water connection for the dishwasher.
- ▶ Unplug the microwave from the wall when you're not using it.

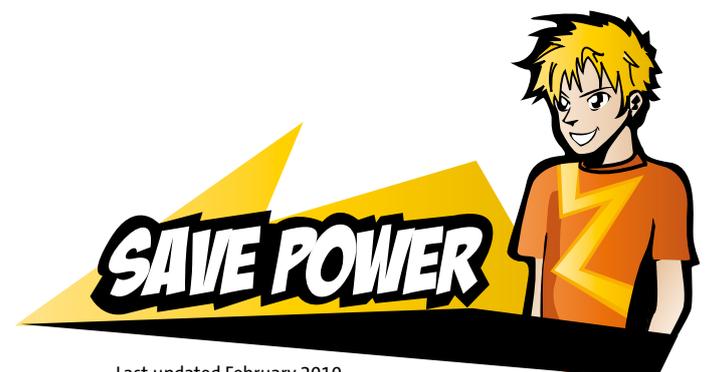
BUYING NEW APPLIANCES

- ▶ When buying new appliances or equipment, look at the energy efficiency star-rating label. The more stars, the better.

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