

# Real help. Right now.



## Save energy and money

### Quick wins to save money on your energy bills

#### Find your best energy offer

Check you are on the best energy plan at [Victorian Energy Compare](https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au). On average, people who used the Victorian Energy Compare website across 2024 were able to save \$240 by switching to the best priced energy offers.

Visit [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au)

#### Use an in-home display to monitor your energy use

Smart meters can help you to understand and manage your energy use and costs. In-home displays make it possible for you to monitor and check your household energy use.

### Practical tips to help you save energy and money at home

#### Use your reverse cycle air conditioner to heat your home

The easiest and most cost-effective saving you can make is to use your reverse cycle air conditioner to heat your home – it's much cheaper than your gas heater, or other forms of heating. Make sure your system is set to the sun icon and the fan icons are on.

#### Manage your heating and cooling

When using your heater, only heat the rooms you are using and close doors and curtains to keep the warm air in. Set your heater to between 18-20 degrees – every degree higher than this can add around 15% to your gas or electricity bill.

#### Switch off lights and electrical appliances when you don't use them

Turn electric devices off at the power point – up to 10% of your household's electricity can be used by electronic devices on standby.

#### Save energy in the home

Your fridge is one of your most expensive appliances to run – keep your fridge set to between 4-5 degrees and your freezer between minus 15-18 degrees. If you have a second fridge or freezer, only turn it on when you need it.

Use the economy cycle on your dishwasher and the cold water setting on your washing machine – and make sure they're full before running a cycle.

#### Make the most of your solar energy

If you have rooftop solar, make the most of your electricity by using it during the day when the sun is shining, reducing the need to buy energy from your retailer at night.

## Lock in long-term energy savings

### Upgrade and save with the Victorian Energy Upgrades program

The Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program provides homes and businesses with access to a wide range of discounted energy-efficient products. These include heating and cooling, water heating, lighting, draught sealing products and induction cooktops.

Annually, an average household could expect to save up to \$330 by upgrading their hot water system, and up to \$1,010 when replacing a gas ducted heater with an energy-efficient heating and cooling system.

Visit [energy.vic.gov.au/veu](https://energy.vic.gov.au/veu)

### Solar Homes Program

The Solar Homes Program helps Victorians switch to solar by offering eligible households a rebate of up to \$1,400 to install rooftop solar (PV), plus the option of a \$1,400 interest-free loan to further reduce up-front installation costs.

Households with solar who maximise the use of free solar energy generated through the day can save up to \$1,000 a year on energy bills. Solar panel rebates are available for owner occupiers, owners with homes under construction and rental providers.

The hot water rebate offers up to \$1,400 for eligible owner-occupiers, covering 50% of the cost of the purchase price for households that choose an eligible locally made hot water product. A 50% rebate of up to \$1,000 remains for other eligible hot water products. On average, households can save up to \$330 a year on electricity bills with a quality heat pump installed compared to a gas hot water system.

Visit [solar.vic.gov.au](https://solar.vic.gov.au)

### Residential Efficiency Scorecard

Government-accredited Scorecard assessors are experts in home energy efficiency, providing targeted advice on upgrading to a cheaper to run and cosier home. Your assessor can guide you through the options and suggest which government rebates may be available to you.

Visit [homescorecard.gov.au](https://homescorecard.gov.au)



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