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Tips for **energy saving at home**

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heating

- **Stay warm, cut costs.** Turning your thermostat down by 1°C can save you as much as £60 per year. Also, keeping your heating on constantly on a low heat could potentially save you more money than switching it on and off for big blasts of heat.
- **Get cosy.** Wearing more jumpers, socks and slippers around the house, and putting an extra blanket on the bed means you won't be tempted to turn the heating up.
- **Turn the pressure down:** on the power shower, you'd be surprised how much water they use - sometimes even more than a bath.
- **Assistance with central heating / hot water controls:** If you are having difficulty operating the central heating and/or hot water controls, check the product manual (there will either be a paper version in the property or it will be available online by searching the make and model of the control unit and/or boiler). If you continue to have difficulty operating the central heating / hot water, or would like any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to visit the property in person to provide instruction if required.

cooking

- **Save time and stock up.** If you're going to use the oven, bake a few meals at a time to get the most out of having your oven on.
- **Heat your home with cooking.** Leave the oven door open after cooking to let the heat warm your kitchen. The oven might give off enough heat for you to adjust your thermostat.
- **Let the dishwasher do the dirty work.** Avoid pre-rinsing the dishes in hot water. Save water and energy by just scraping the dishes before they go in.
- **Make things easy for your fridge and freezer.** Keeping them full means they don't have to work as hard and, therefore, they use less energy.
- **Use the right ring for the right thing.** If your cooker has a small ring, use a small pan. You might only be heating up a small meal, and doing so in a big pan wastes a lot of energy.

washing

- **Shrink your bills, not your clothes.** 90% of a washing machine's energy expenditure is spent on heating the water, so if you wash your clothes at 30-40°C, you're saving significant amounts of money.
- **Hang up your laundry outside.** Air-dry your laundry rather than tumble drying it, particularly if there's warm or windy weather.
- **Save yourself ironing time.** Take your clothes out of the dryer before they're completely dry - they'll iron much quicker.

appliances

- **Switch it off and save.** Unplug all the appliances that you aren't using regularly - even chargers continue to use electricity when they aren't charging. Also, make sure you're not leaving appliances on Standby.
- **Let the sunshine in.** On a sunny day, opening your curtains will let warmth into your house.