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ways to save energy

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CHANGE HABITS

- Turn off lights and appliances when you do not need them.
- Hang-dry clothes instead of putting them in the dryer, or wash dishes by hand rather than in the dishwasher, for instance.

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UNPLUG APPLIANCES WHEN NOT USING THEM

- Almost 75 per cent of electricity consumption used to power appliances occurs when they are turned off or in sleep mode, but plugged in.

- Save on your power bill by turning off the switch at the power socket.

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SWITCH TO ENERGY-SAVING LIGHT BULBS

- Traditional incandescent light bulbs not only use a lot of electricity, but also need to be replaced more often.
- Energy-efficient LED light bulbs can use up to 80 per cent less electricity.

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USE ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

- Look out for appliances with a high tick rating on their Energy label
- Aim for a four-tick rating (Very Good) and above.

- Refrigerators are rated from one to four ticks, while air conditioners and television sets have one to five ticks.

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KEEP YOUR AIR-CONDITIONERS TO 25 DEG C, OR KEEP COOL WITH THE FAN INSTEAD

- In a typical Singaporean household, air-conditioners take the bulk of electricity consumption at 24 per cent.

- Set your air-conditioner temperature higher, to at least 25 deg C or above. You save \$25 a year for every degree you raise.

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CLOSE THE CURTAINS WHEN THE AIR-CONDITIONER IS ON

- If sunlight streams in through the windows, the air-conditioner needs to work harder to cool the room.

- Dim the light in the room, or use tinted windows to use less power.

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INSTALL A SMART METER AT HOME

- You can use an AMI meter, or a smart meter, to get a real-time measurement of your electricity consumption at half-hour intervals.

- Monitoring your electricity consumption can help you eliminate energy wastage.