SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK











Check and make sure that your radiators aren't blocked by curtains or furniture - it's good to make the best of the heat you're paying for



SAVE ON HEATING





Also, if the sun warms some rooms but not others, leave internal doors open to let the warm air circulate throughout your home



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Replace your windows - this will diminish the energy losses and lower your utility bills. Check with the supplier what is the best option for this purpose. Alternately, use weather stripping - it is a cheaper option to diminish your energy losses











Try to take shower more often than taking a bath: you'll be surprised how much energy and water you could save this way





However, power showers can sometimes use even more water than taking a bath. Try to turn down the pressure and enjoy your shower without increasing your power and water bills





Turn water off when shaving, washing hands, brushing teeth – this will reduce your hot water usage by 5%





With many washing powders, you can usually choose a lower temperature on your washing machine— check the packaging to find out and save energy on every washing cycle



SAVE ON ENERGY AND WATER



Try to use your dishwasher and washing machine only when fully loaded







Use task lighting - turn off ceiling lights and use table lamps, track lighting, etc. in work areas as well as in kitchens



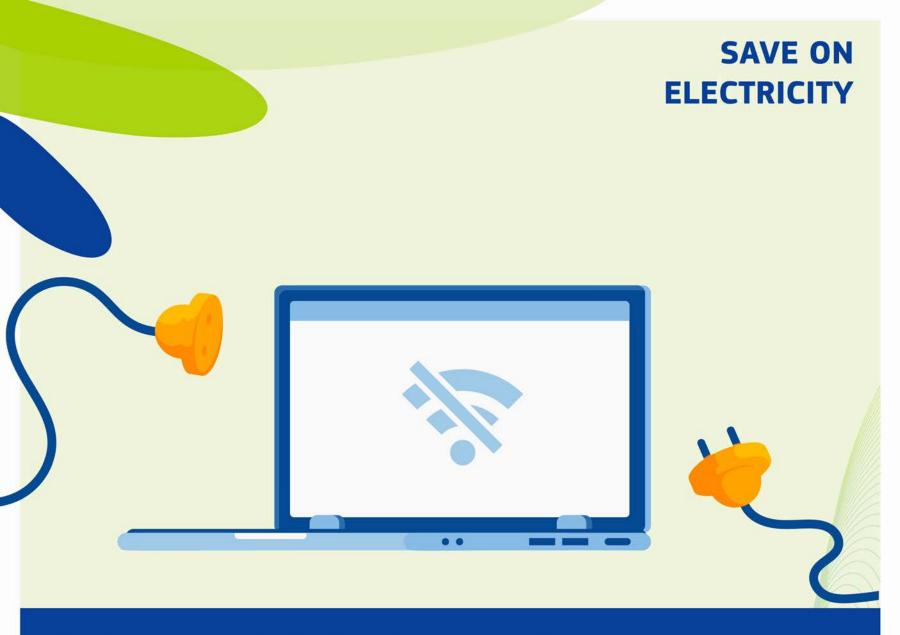






Switch to energy saving lightbulbs - check labels before buying





Unplug unused electronics - standby mode can account for 10% of an average household's annual electricity use





Avoid using the oven in summer – eat more salads, fresh fruit and vegetables. This will help reduce the heat in your home and save on your home cooling costs



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However, in winter the oven can help to add some extra heating: once you're finished cooking, leave the oven door open as it cools. This will help keep your kitchen warm - a great way to save on heating bills in winter



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Be efficient with refrigerator - ensure that your fridge and freezer at set to their ideal temperature: for fridge this is between 2°C and 3°C and for freezer -18°C



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Consider replacing your refrigerator, especially if it is more than 15 years old: even the cheapest new model will consume considerably less energy, plus you will avoid the cost and the trouble of the upcoming failure incurring repair costs, lost food, etc.





If possible, consider installing solar panels on your home – this will help you produce your own electricity, which will lower your carbon footprint by generating clean, green energy and help you save money on your annual electricity bills





Solar water heater is a good choice if you would like to use the energy from the sun to heat water for your home. Solar panels on your roof collect energy from the sun's rays to heat water which flows to a storage tank, ready for use. By this you will save energy, save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

