

# Save Energy & Money

## **Take a shower**

Swapping baths for four-minute showers saves energy, money and water.

## **Do full laundry loads**

Half-load settings save very little energy, so a full load is much more energy efficient. Do fewer (but fuller) wash loads instead. And use the 30°C setting and 'Quick Wash' 15 minute programs.

## **Use that eco setting**

On your dishwasher or boiler, the eco setting heats water more slowly, using less energy. You get the same results; it just takes a little longer.

## **Don't stand for standby mode**

Unless switched off at the wall, appliances like your TV continue to use energy, costing the average UK home £35 per year. By using Hive Plugs you can switch off at the wall with a quick tap of the app – no need to reach behind the telly!

## **Careful with that kettle...**

When making tea or coffee, many of us fill the kettle right up. Kettles use a lot of power - this means as a country we're wasting around £68 million worth of energy a year. Only boil what you need!

## **Switch to LED bulbs**

Many homes still have extremely inefficient bulbs. Modern LEDs are the opposite, and also last longer so are less wasteful too. Poundland sells good LED bulbs.

## **Microwave and Air-fryer**

You'll save a lot of energy because both are quicker and more energy efficient than using the oven or hob. It's also worth considering a slow cooker and old school pressure cooker.

## **Unplug all your chargers**

Many of us over-charge our mobile devices. Instead, as soon as your device is fully charged, try to get into the habit of unplugging it. Not only will this save energy, it also prolongs battery life. It could also save you about £60 a year on your electricity bills.

## **Pump it up**

Investigate if your home is suitable for installation of a heat pump. They have the potential to both reduce your environmental impact and lower energy bills. Government grants help with the cost of switching.