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**How to help keep
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Top saving tips at home

There is a golden rule that applies to saving electricity in the home: *if you're not using it, switch it off.*

By partnering with Eskom and changing the way we use energy every day, you can make a difference to the electricity supply shortage in our country.



Geyser – it uses 39% of your monthly energy usage. Switch it off to reduce your energy demand. Don't forget to insulate the geyser and water pipes.



Shower – it uses less water than bathing and using less hot water means less work for the geyser. Use an energy-efficient shower head since it uses less water.



Lighting – replace all your incandescent bulbs with energy-saving Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) and switch off the lights in unoccupied rooms.



Standby electricity – don't leave your TV, DVD player, etc. on standby mode, they still use up to 50% of their operating power. Rather switch them off at the power switch and don't forget to unplug your cellphone charger after your phone has been charged or it will continue to draw power.



Refrigeration – close your fridge door quickly so it doesn't use extra power to get back to its optimal cooling level.

Temperature control – keep the room temperature set at 20°C - 22°C in Summer and 18°C in Winter. In Summer wear light, loose-fitting clothing like shorts and short-sleeved tops and drink plenty of cold fluids to keep your body hydrated. In Winter use an extra jacket, blankets and hot water bottles to keep warm without using a heater.

Top power outage tips

If the power goes out while you're using an appliance, be safe and disconnect the appliance at the wall.

How to minimise the inconvenience of power outages:

- Always make sure your cellphone is charged
- Try to keep a full tank in your vehicle because petrol stations cannot pump fuel during power outages
- Ensure that you have enough cash on you, since ATMs need power to work
- Release the mechanism that operates your electric garage door, so you can park your car during a power outage. The same applies for electric security gates
- Keep torches in places where they will be easy to find in the dark.

How to keep warm during power outages:

Prepare for them as much as possible.

- Cover hot food to keep it hot and start preparing meals before the power goes out
- Keep dry stocks of essential foodstuffs and have snacks that do not need refrigeration and/or cooking
- Remember to dress in layers to keep warm and use blankets
- Use draught excluders against doors to minimise draughts
- Close your curtains at night to help keep the warmth in
- Use gas heaters if possible and fill up hot water bottles before the power goes out
- Keep boiling water from your kettle warm in an insulated flask so you can enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee even during a power outage.



Thank you for doing what you can to save electricity. Together we have the power to keep the lights on.