



“A secure and sustainable energy supply is vital for New Zealand’s future.”

ENERGY

Did you know?

- Using energy wisely saves us money, helps reduce environmental impacts, and allows New Zealand businesses to be more competitive.
- New Zealand has access to a wide range of energy sources – around a quarter of these are renewable.
- Around two-thirds of our electricity is generated from renewable sources – a high proportion by international standards.
- As our population and economy have grown, so too have our energy needs.
- Over the past few years economic growth has exceeded energy demand, indicating that the economy has reduced its reliance on energy to some degree.
- Households are the largest energy user in New Zealand, when vehicle fuels are included.

What can you do?

- When buying appliances, look for the energy rating label and the ENERGY STAR mark to help save you money and power – the more stars on the energy rating label, the better the energy efficiency.
- Reduce your power bills by installing solar water heating in your home. Visit www.energywise.govt.nz for information on financial assistance for solar water heating.
- Switch off appliances at the wall – the average household could save around 10 per cent on its power bill if appliances on standby were switched off.
- A well insulated home is easier to heat – ceiling insulation can save you up to \$400 per year.
- Draught-proof your home – make your home easier to heat and keep the heat in by using draught stoppers for your doors and windows.
- Install energy-saving light bulbs – these use five times less energy for the same amount of light and they last longer.

