# Save energy, save money this summer





# ① Summer sizzle

The oven uses electricity and generates unwanted heat in your home. Use the barbeque to cook meals outdoors instead. Make the most of the warm evenings, and save money!

### ② Sun-dried

Did you know that, on average, using a clothes dryer can cost over \$1 per load? Save money over summer by making the most of the Sun's warmth and drying clothes outside for free!

# ③ Keep it clear

Clean the outside area around your air conditioning unit, removing weeds and debris which can grow up in Spring months. This will help keep your air conditioning running efficiently.

# ④ Keep your cool

If you're running an air conditioning or heat pump unit, openings in your home will cause cold air to escape, wasting energy. Keep windows and doors closed while running your air conditioning.

# **③ Happy heat pump**

Make sure your air conditioner is working efficiently by giving it a basic check-up — Remove dust build-up by vacuuming air vents, and clean or replace air filters.

### **©** Throw some shade

Summer sun shining through the windows can overheat your house. This is worst in the afternoon, due to the sun's lower angle. West-facing windows let in the most heat. Close the curtains to block out some sun and keep your house cooler.

## **©** Cooler heads

Insulation doesn't just keep your home warm in winter; it can also keep out the heat. Temperatures in your roof space can hit over 40 degrees in summer.

Ceiling insulation creates a heat barrier, protecting your home from the scorching rays from the sun.

### **® Find the flow**

If you're not running air conditioning, boost the flow of cool air through your home by opening doors and windows. These openings create breeze channels, allowing cool fresh air to pass through your home.

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