Don't leave your mobile phone or other devices to charge overnight or when you're not in.

Unplug the charger as soon as the battery is charged.

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Make sure your radiators or heaters are not obstructed by furniture or curtains.

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If you have a problem, complain to your energy company by calling or writing to them. If that doesn't work, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service.

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Find a cheaper deal on your gas or electricity tariff using a price comparison website.

Buy a multi-power down plug or remote control device, to switch all your appliances off at the socket all at once.

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Put a jumper on before you turn the heating up, and keep heating at between 18 and 20 Celsius (or the lowest comfortable temperature).

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Instead of boiling vegetables in different pans, get a multisteamer and only use one pan of water.

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Use lids on pans and saucepans when possible.

The contents heat up faster and use less energy.

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When cooking make a few meals at a time and freeze them for later.

Re-heat them in a microwave to save more!

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Leave the oven door open after cooking so the heat can warm your kitchen.

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Phone the **Home Heat** Helpline to see if you can claim the Warm Home Discount or other benefits.

Find out what payment method is cheapest and works with your budget.

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Wash your clothes on a 30 degrees setting.

For dirtier items, think: do I really need to wash them at 40 or 60 degrees?

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Use your washing machine for a full not half load of washing, and choose 'Eco' settings whenever possible.

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Have a shower instead of running a full bath.

Don't put warm food in the fridge or freezer, and don't leave the door open.

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Use a clothes rail when drying clothes indoors, rather than drying things on a radiator or heater. This wastes energy and can cause damp.

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## Try to limit showers to 4 minutes.

You may be able to get a free shower timer from your water company.

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Defrost your fridge and freezer regularly, and replace the door seals if you need to.

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## Buy a hot water tank insulation jacket.

If replacing a boiler consider a new A-rated condensing boiler (or ask your landlord to consider doing these).

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Choose the most energy efficient home appliances you can afford. It should save money in the long run.

Share energy saving tips with others in your household.

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Only boil the water you need. Use a cup to measure the water for the kettle.

Or, fill a flask with hot water for the day.

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Take regular meter readings to send to your energy company, to ensure you are billed for what you actually use.

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Find out about loft, roof, and wall insulation, or talk to your landlord about this.

You may be eligible for a grant for this.

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Buy a water-efficient shower head for your bath or shower.

You may get one free from your water company.

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Only heat the rooms you need - keep the doors closed and the heat in!

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Your utility company may offer grants to help with energy debts and white goods **Draught-proof your doors** and windows using draft excluders or tape.

Thick curtains can also help.

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Don't leave items on standby

— turn them off at the wall or with a power switch.

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Deal with your energy **debts** – contact the **National** Debtline, Stepchange, or your local Citizens' Advice Bureau.

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Your landlord is **responsible** for outside repairs, so let them know if you have drafts or leaks through your roof or walls.

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