

Self Audit

Small steps can make a difference

In the livingroom

- Keep your aircon filters clean
- Turn off appliances that are not in use
- Use high efficiency fluorescent bulbs in high usage areas

In the kitchen

- Use the microwave to cook and reheat
- Wash the dishes by hand
- Always use a plug in the sink and where possible, don't let the tap run continuously
- Set your fridge between 3°C to 5°C, and your freezer to -15°C to -18°C

In the bathroom

- Set your hot water system thermostat between 60°C – 65°C
- Ensure that you don't have any dripping taps
- Make sure that you have a water efficient shower head

In the bedroom

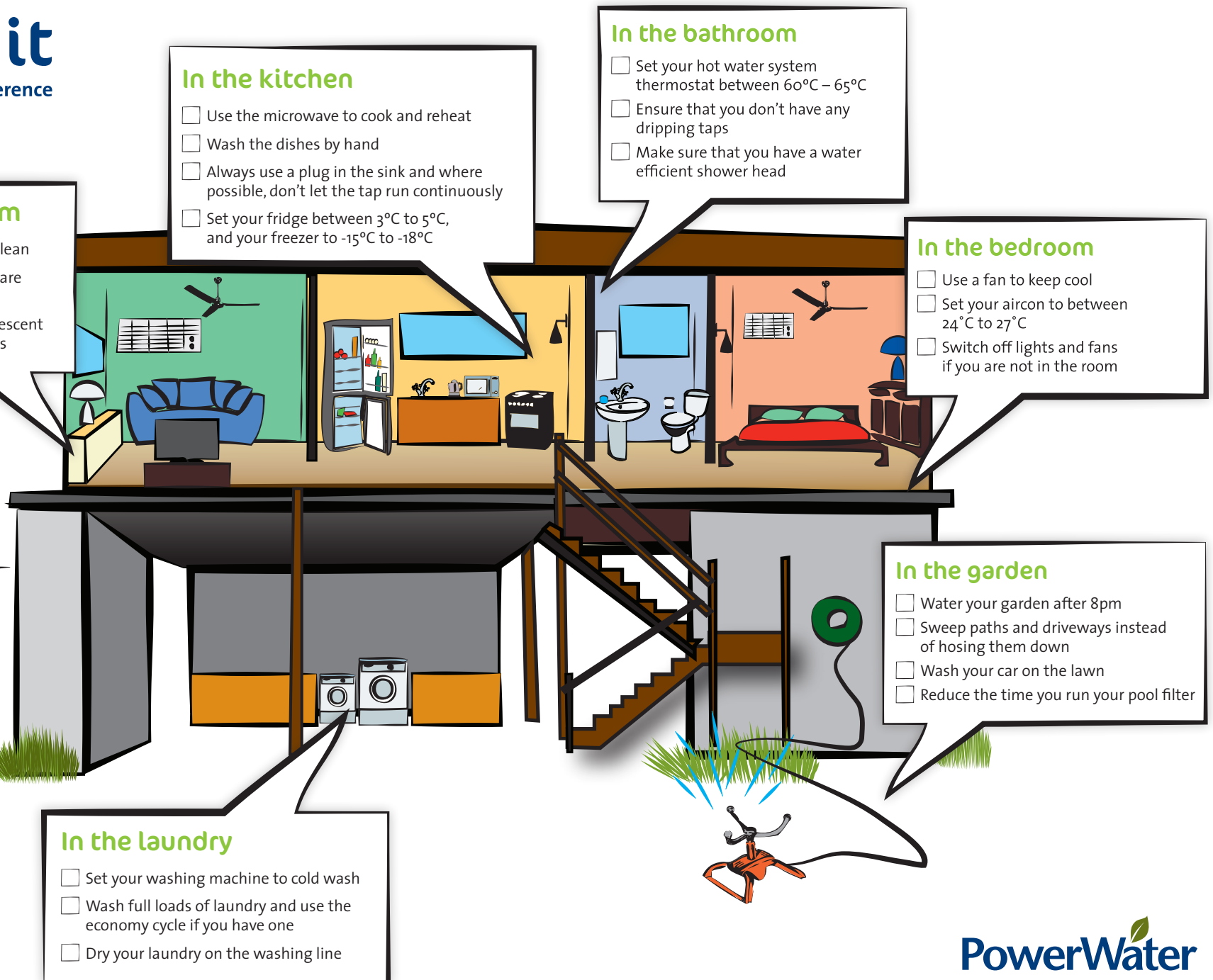
- Use a fan to keep cool
- Set your aircon to between 24°C to 27°C
- Switch off lights and fans if you are not in the room

In the garden

- Water your garden after 8pm
- Sweep paths and driveways instead of hosing them down
- Wash your car on the lawn
- Reduce the time you run your pool filter

In the laundry

- Set your washing machine to cold wash
- Wash full loads of laundry and use the economy cycle if you have one
- Dry your laundry on the washing line



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General

Use your aircon wisely.

Run your aircon on a timer or turn it off after the room has been cooled.

Clean your aircon filters.

Clean filters mean your aircon does not have to work as hard.

Unplug appliances from the wall when you're not using them.

Standby power account for about 10% of your power bill. By switching appliances such as computers, TVs and microwaves off at the wall you could save up to \$100 a year.

Switch to fluorescent energy saver light bulbs.

Using energy efficient fluorescent lighting can save up to 80% in lighting running costs and they last up to eight times longer than regular (incandescent) bulbs.

Garden

Water your garden after 8pm.

After 8pm, water is soaked into the ground like a sponge and is not lost through evaporation. You'll be able to water for less time, less often and save water and money.

Kitchen

Use the microwave to cook and reheat.

Microwaves use about 70% less energy than some electric ovens. Microwave cooking also use less water than boiling or steaming on an electric stove.

Wash the dishes by hand.

Dishwashers can use twice as much water as washing dishes by hand. They are also big energy users. If you have to use the dishwasher, wait until it's full before you run it.

Always use a plug in the sink and where possible, don't let the tap run continuously.

A running tap wastes about 10 litres of water per minute. In just two minutes, you waste about 20 litres of water. That's two buckets of water!

Check your fridge and freezer.

Set your fridge between 3°C to 5°C and your freezer to -15°C to -18°C. If you find your fridge or freezer is not running efficiently, check if the seals need replacing.

Bedroom

Use a fan and set your aircon at 24°C to 27°C.

This reduces humidity, cools the air and uses less power than an aircon running solo at a lower temperature setting.

Switch off lights and fans if you are not in the room.

It is a waste of power and money to keep lights and fans running when you are not in the room.

Laundry

Set your washing machine to "cold" wash.

Most of the energy used in washing clothes comes from heating the water. Change to a cold water powder/detergent.

Hang clothes out to dry.

Clothes dryers are big energy users. Make the most of drying clothes outside.

Bathroom

Monitor your hot water system.

Set your thermostats between 60°C – 65°C and turn off your system during the day and when you go on holidays.

Repair any leaking taps.

Dripping taps waste water – as much as nine buckets a day. That's more than 3,000 buckets in one year.

Reduce your shower time.

Four minutes in the shower should get you clean. Use a shower timer so you don't go over the time limit. Cutting your shower time from seven to four minutes can save about seven buckets of water.

Want some additional help cutting your power costs?

Our Virtual Energy Audit is an easy way to see how you can cut down your usage and play less. Customise your virtual home to see how much electricity you are using in each room of your house, then look at your usage summary to see approximately how much electricity your household uses.

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