

# Saving on your energy bills



**Cheaper energy and  
a \$250 bonus**  
You could save around  
\$330 per year with  
a cheaper energy plan.\*

Some concession card holders are eligible for the Victorian Government's \$250 Power Saving Bonus. Compare plans and claim the bonus at [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au)

For help using the website, call Brotherhood of St Laurence on **1800 830 029**.

## Energy concessions

You may be eligible for energy bill concessions.

**Annual Electricity Concession** – 17.5% electricity concession.

**Medical Cooling Concession** – Additional 17.5% electricity concession in summer for people with some medical conditions.

**Life Support Concession** – Covers some power costs for certain life support machines.

**Service to Property Charge Concession** – Reduced service costs for homes using very little energy.

**Winter Gas Concession** – 17.5% gas concession in winter.

**Utility Relief Grant Scheme** – Covers unpaid energy bills, up to \$650 per utility in a two-year period. To apply, call your power company.

Give your concession card details to your power company to have concessions applied. If you don't see concessions on your bill and you think you're eligible, contact your power company.

Find out more at [services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/energy](https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/energy)  
Other eligibility criteria and conditions may apply.

For assistance, call the Victorian Concessions Information Line on **1800 658 521** or Yarra Energy Foundation on **9429 6070**.

\*According to Victorian Government estimates.

All blue text are websites. These can be typed into a web browser.

## Rebates for solar and energy saving upgrades

You may be able to install solar at a low upfront cost with a Victorian Government rebate and interest-free loan, each up to \$1400.\* Together the rebate and loan can cover a large part of the cost of a typical size system. Contact Yarra Energy Foundation's Yarra Solar Program on **9429 6070** for a free, no-obligation quote or visit [yef.org.au/yarrasolar](http://yef.org.au/yarrasolar)

You may be able to replace lights or some appliances at no cost with the Victorian Government's Victorian Energy Upgrades program. **Find out more at** [victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au](http://victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au)



## Top energy saving tips

- 1. Switch off** lights, heaters, coolers, and appliances at the switch when not using them and at night. Use fans instead of air conditioning when possible.
- 2. Set the temperature** to 23-26° in summer and 18-20° in winter, if your health allows it. Every degree above 20° can add 10% to winter heating costs. Heating can be 30-40% of your winter bill. Some people require different temperatures based on health needs.
- 3. Close doors and curtains.** Only heat or cool the rooms you're in. Close doors to other rooms. In summer, close curtains and external blinds during the day to keep heat out. In winter, close curtains at night to keep heat in.
- 4. Set your fridge temperature** to 4-5°, and your freezer to between -15° and -18°.
- 5. Wash clothes in cold water and line dry.** Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when full. You can save up to \$115 per year by washing clothes in cold water.†

### More information

Call YEF on **1300 866 634** or visit [yef.org.au](http://yef.org.au)



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