

# “How sustainable is your home?”

## Home & Garden Checklist

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Use this quick and easy checklist to help save money on your utility bills and live sustainably at low or no cost.

### Energy

- Replace your incandescent light globes with energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) globes.
- Switch off lights when you leave the room.
- Use curtains and/or blinds to keep your home cool and warm as required.
- Seal gaps under windows and doorways to prevent draughts.
- Use carpet and/or rugs to help insulate floor boards.
- Wash in cold water rather than hot water.
- Set your thermostat to 18–20°C in winter and 24–26°C in summer.
- Hang clothes on a clothes line or drying rack instead of using a dryer.
- Switch off power points and appliances when not in use.
- Install solar lights in the garden.

### Water

- Only turn the dishwasher on when you have a full load.
- Install water saving taps or flow restrictors.
- Check and repair leaky taps to minimise water loss.
- Install a water saving showerhead in the bathroom.
- Use a shower timer to keep water usage low.
- Collect water when showering and use in the garden.
- Ensure that all toilets in the home are dual flush.
- Add mulch and compost to the garden to help maintain moisture and minimise the need for watering.
- Install a water-efficient system in the garden such as a drip system, tap timers or micro-irrigation system.

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