



Australian Government

Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts



Energy Efficiency – Your Home

What's the problem?

Did you know that:

- Household energy use in Australia is predicted to increase by more than 50 per cent by 2020.
 - Australian households produce more than 100 million tonnes of greenhouse gases annually.
 - Projections show that the 83,000 gigawatt hours of energy we used in 1990 will more than double to 130,000 gigawatt hours in 2020 – or 130 billion kilowatt hours.
 - Our energy consumption is increasing because the population is growing; we are building bigger homes, and buying larger TVs and more energy hungry appliances.
 - We can however all help to fight climate change at home and at the same time save money by reducing our energy bills.
- The *Your Home Renovator's Guide* is the latest free resource for Australians in the *Your Home* suite of products.
 - The guide complements the recently released fourth edition *Your Home Technical Manual* which provides smart design ideas for new homes, as well as cost effective sustainable home improvements.
 - The *Your Home Renovator's Guide* will help households save money by reducing energy bills as well as providing advice on how to make you home healthier and more comfortable without compromising on style.

What's being done?

The Australian Government's Response

- The Australian Government is providing Australians families with economical solutions to more sustainable living in and around the home.
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- Purchase appliances that display high energy efficiency ratings (star ratings). Be aware of how much energy your appliances are consuming.
 - Ensure that all the light globes in your home are fluorescent bulbs rather than incandescent bulbs.
 - Switch off electrical appliances when they're not being used, don't waste energy by leaving them on 'stand by'.
 - Make sure your home is fully insulated, saving money on heating and cooling.

To find out more please visit: www.yourhome.gov.au