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Top Tips for Buying Energy Efficient Appliances

Save money and the environment by choosing products that save on energy.

As we all know, large household appliances use large amounts of energy – which can lead to costly power bills. Thankfully, there are ways you can cut your power costs when choosing new appliances for your home. Here are our top tips for purchasing energy efficient appliances.

Before you buy, consider the following:

- What will it cost to run the appliance? There may be alternatives that are less costly to run.
- How will the appliance be disposed of at the end of its life? The disposal of an electrical appliance can affect both your hip pocket and the environment.
- What size product is right for your needs? Purchasing a product that is bigger than you require will lead to higher costs.
- What is the appliance's energy rating? Check the Energy Rating Label on the product – the more stars on the label, the more energy efficient the appliance. You can also use the [Energy Rating](#) website to compare the energy rating of different products.

Fridges/Freezers

Think about it – with the exception of moving house or defrosting, you *never* turn your fridge and freezer off. Never! They're constantly running, so naturally they use more power than any other appliance in the average household. Here are some tips to help you choose an energy efficient fridge or freezer for your home:

- Use the [Energy Rating website](#) to compare the energy efficiency of different models of fridges and freezers.
- Make sure the appliance is the right size for your home and needs – remember, the bigger the fridge/freezer, the more power it uses, and the more money you spend on power bills.
- Measure the space your fridge or freezer will reside in to make sure that the appliance you choose will have adequate room for ventilation around the sides and the top – this will help the appliance run more efficiently.

Washing Machines

Washing machines are an appliance that is in regular use in most households, and different models can vary greatly in energy use.

- Use the [Energy Rating website](#) to view the energy efficiency of different models to determine the best one for your needs.
- Front loaders are usually more efficient than top loaders.
- Choose a size that matches your household's requirements.
- Almost all of the energy a washing machine uses goes into heating water. Look for a model that has separate hot and cold water connections, and use cold wash as much as possible. Also look for a machine that has an economy cycle, auto load sense and high spin speed to cut down on energy use.

Clothes Dryers

Clothes dryers use an enormous amount of energy; a standard clothes dryer can add up to 3 kilograms of greenhouse gas into the atmosphere for each load. Because of this, it's important to purchase the most energy efficient dryer you can.

- Use the [Energy Rating website](#) to compare the energy efficiency ratings of different models of dryers.
- Gas-fired or heat pump models are also available – they are more expensive to buy and install, but are generally much cheaper to run in the long term.
- Choose a model with a moisture sensor as well as a timer. Perma press cycles are also a good option – these switch off heat towards the end of the cycle and use residual heat to finish the dry.

Dishwashers

The dishwasher has evolved from a luxury item for the more fortunate among us, to a staple appliance in almost every household.

- Use the [Energy Rating website](#) to compare different models and their energy ratings.
- Look for a model with a quality range of programs, especially economy options. This means the dishwasher's performance level will match your wash requirements every time – no wasting energy on a small wash!
- Make sure the size of the dishwasher matches your household's needs.

Purchasing energy efficient appliances is just one of the many ways you can not only reduce your own costs, but also make your home more environmentally sustainable. You can find even more information on contributing to the environmental sustainability of your home right [here](#). You can also talk to a friendly staff member at [Brisbane Whitegoods Factory Outlet](#) today about the right energy-efficient product for you. Call [07 3355 6855](tel:0733556855)

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