



## Ten Tips for Greening your home

1. Replace incandescent lamps with fluorescent lamps. Not only do fluorescents use less energy than incandescent bulbs but they also have a longer life span.
2. Ensure that when purchasing major appliances they carry the Energy Star label.
3. Install low-flow showerheads and taps. Low-flow taps reduce water consumption and the cost of heating water by as much as 50 percent.
4. Use a geyser blanket to insulate your geyser and turn the temperature on you geyser down during summer.
5. Install a solar geyser, a 150lt solar water heater saves around 4.5kWh of electricity per day.
6. Use cold water when using your washing machine. 90% of the energy used by washing machines goes into heating. The higher the water temperature, the greater the energy demands.
7. Plant indigenous trees and shrubs in your garden, indigenous trees require less water and help to attract a greater variety of birds and animals to your garden.
8. Separate household waste and compost all organic waste. Compost makes an excellent garden fertilizer.
9. Be sure to turn off all household lights when not in use.
10. Turn off all geysers and unneeded appliances when going on holiday.