

## Electricity Consumption Tips

1. Heaters use a lot of electricity, use them sparingly and switch them off when going to sleep.
2. Fridges only 'work' to cool the inside down to a certain temperature and then switches off, until the thermometer detects that the temperature is too high and then it switches on again. A faulty fridge may 'work' a lot harder than necessary and as such will use a lot of electricity. By implication, electricity can be saved by moderating the temperature setting of the fridge.
3. Geysers only consume electricity at maximum wattage when heating water from cold to hot – after that it only switches on when the thermometer detects a drop in temperature below the set temperature. To save electricity, turn the thermometer setting to 55 degrees Celsius, and use as little water as possible (reducing the need for heating 'new' water).  
***Experiment with switching the geyser off during the day, but it may not make as big a difference as you might think.***
4. Lights: using low energy globes can save a significant amount of electricity – replace with 14 watt globes
5. Faulty or old appliances may use MUCH more electricity than they should – if you notice the heater or the geyser using substantially more than indicated in the electricity calculator please have it repaired or replaced as it will save a lot in the long run.
6. Switch of all appliances not in use at the plug outlet – electronic products such as televisions, DVD players and computers consume electricity in 'stand-by' mode.