



Rental Property Owner Report

Dear Helen,

Congratulations on completing your own home energy assessment. This is an important step towards improving the energy efficiency of your home.

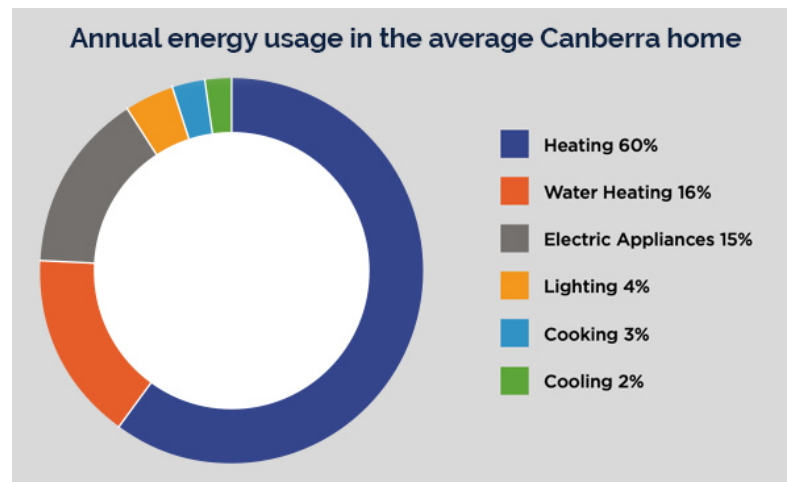
Taking action on recommendations in this report will improve your comfort, save you money and help protect the environment.

This report focuses on actions you can take as the owner of the property. At the end is a link to a second report which focuses on actions that you and your household can take living in the home relating to specifics such as appliance use and your energy bills.

Your energy usage is likely to be similar to the graph on the right. You are likely to achieve the most savings by reducing heat loss during winter and using heaters efficiently.

When you've read your recommendations, check out the links and resources at the end of this report and at www.climatechoices.act.gov.au.

If you live in the ACT, you can get free expert advice on saving energy in your home including additional support implementing these recommendations or checking your bills, by calling the ACT Sustainable Home Advice line on 1300 141 777 or emailing SustainableHomeAdviceProgram@act.gov.au.



The size of the area you are heating, the number of hours heaters are on, and the temperature setting all have a big impact on your bills. In summer a comfortable and cost-effective range to set the thermostat is 25-27°C, and in winter it is 18-20°C

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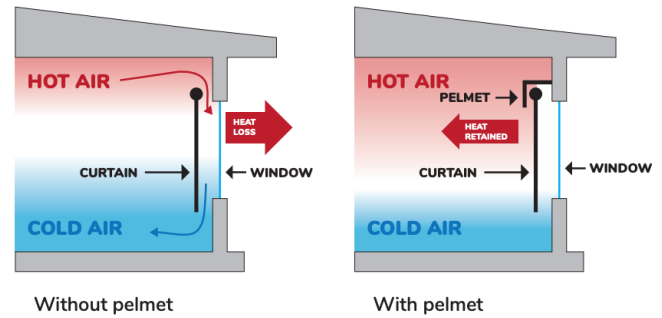
If you found your home energy assessment and report useful please let your friends, family and networks know.

Windows and draughts

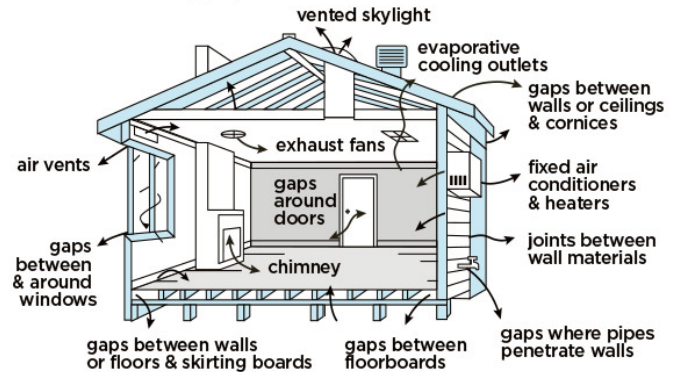
Your recommendations

- Draughts waste a lot of energy. Stopping them is the most cost-effective action you can take to make your home more comfortable and can reduce heat loss in winter by up to 25%

You can find more detailed information about draught-proofing, window insulation and window coverings in the links at the end of this report.



Find & fix gaps

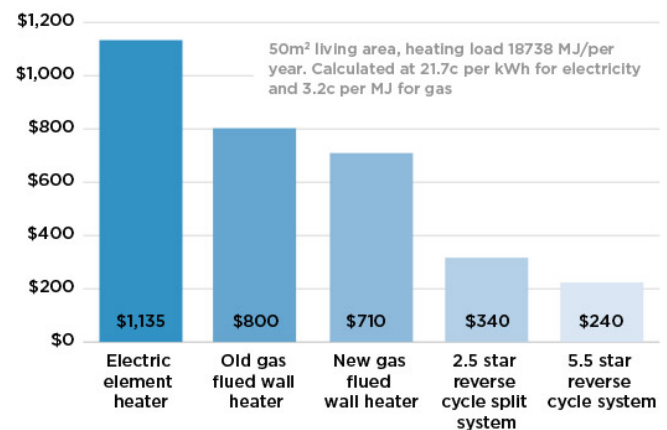


Heating

Your heating recommendations

- It is important to service and undertake a carbon monoxide check of gas heaters annually.
- Replacing gas heaters with reverse cycle air conditioning units will improve the value of your property as well as helping people in the house reduce energy costs.
- If you are the energy account holder and the account is with ActewAGL, you may be able to get discounts for replacing gas heating with reverse cycle air conditioning. For more information see <https://www.actewagl.com.au/support-and-a-dvice/save-energy>

Approximate annual cost to heat a large living area in Canberra



There is more information about heating your home in the links at the end of the report.

Cooling

Your cooling recommendations

- Keep your home cooler in summer by opening your windows, doors and curtains when it cools down at night, then closing them in the morning as soon as it starts to get warm outside.
- Air conditioning units should be serviced annually. This will extend the life of the unit, saving you money in the long term
- If you are thinking about buying a new cooling appliance, check the energy star rating labels (see <https://www.energyrating.gov.au/>). More stars mean more energy-efficient. Choosing a more energy-efficient cooling appliance will reduce energy consumption and help lower energy bills.



Fans are an extremely cost-effective way to keep cool in summer - they cost only 1 to 2 cents per hour to run.

Appliances

Your appliances recommendations

- You can find out how much each of your appliances is costing you by getting a plug-in power meter (see photo). It will show how much power the appliance has used since it was plugged into the meter and will calculate the cost. You can buy power meters at hardware stores or online.
- When the time comes to buy a new appliance, check the energy star rating labels (see <https://www.energyrating.gov.au/>). More stars mean greater energy efficiency. Choosing a more energy-efficient appliance will reduce energy consumption and help lower energy bills.
- A new, efficient dishwasher could save considerably on running costs. Look for a unit with an eco function and the best energy and star rating you can afford
- A new, efficient dryer could save considerably on running costs. It is now possible to buy heat pump dryers with 10 star energy rating.



A plug-in power meter

Hot Water

Your recommendations

- A 3 star showerhead will halve the amount of hot water and energy used per minute. Note: the property owner will need to give permission and engage a licensed plumber to install a new showerhead in the ACT.



Hot water heat pumps are significantly more energy-efficient than conventional water heaters.



Pipe insulation (often called lagging) is low cost and readily available from most hardware outlets. Insulate the first 2m of exposed pipes from your hot water unit, especially those carrying hot water.

Lighting

Your lighting recommendations

- LED lights use 20% of the power of halogen lights and last five times as long.

Insulation

Your insulation recommendations

- Installing adequate ceiling insulation significantly improves the Energy Efficiency Rating (EER) of a property, which increases its value as well as being the best way to keep it at a comfortable temperature all year round. Most heat enters and exits through the ceiling.
- Ceiling batts should have at least an R5 rating (about 240mm thick). It is easy to top up existing insulation to achieve R5 rating.
- Gaps and incomplete coverage will severely compromise the insulation value, with 5% gaps resulting in around 20% loss of insulation value.

Solar

Your recommendations

- The ACT Government is supporting battery storage systems in ACT homes and businesses. A standard household with a 5kW system would typically be eligible for up to \$3,500 in support. For more information see <https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/policy-programs/next-gen-energy-storage>
 - Use this step by step guide to check on the health of the solar system at your home: <https://www.aef.com.au/resources/use-your-power/#your-energy-profile>
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Occupier Report

The occupier report focuses on actions that the people living in the home can take to reduce energy costs – either your household, if you live there, or your tenants, if you have rented it out.

[View the Occupier Report](#)

Links & Resources

- Energy in the ACT <https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/energy>
 - Heating your home <https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/energy/energy-efficiency/heating-for-your-home>
 - Staying warm on less energy <https://act-hea.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Actsmart-Staying-warm-on-less-ACCESS.pdf>
 - Actsmart Energy Saving Guide (a detailed guide and action plan template) <https://act-hea.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ACTSmart-ESG-12-20.pdf>
 - Draught-proofing DIY videos <https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/policy-programs/sustainable-home-advice-program> and <https://www.greenityyourself.com.au/category/topics/draught-proofing>
 - Make the Switch from gas appliances to an efficient all-electric home <https://maketheswitch.org.au>
 - Better Renting Energy Efficiency Guide for People Who Rent https://www.betterrenting.org.au/energy_efficiency_renting
 - Renters Guide to Sustainable Living <https://renew.org.au/publications/renters-guide-to-sustainable-living/>
 - Energy rating website <https://www.energyrating.gov.au/>
 - The renting book <https://act-hea.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The-Renting-Book.pdf>
 - My Efficient Electric Home Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MyEfficientElectricHome>
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For further information about your recommendations and how to implement them please contact:

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