

## Energy efficient appliances

Energy efficient appliances use less electricity than conventional appliances which saves you money and helps the environment.

### How do you tell how energy efficient an appliance is?

Most appliances now all come with an energy efficiency rating which grades the product between A-G (A being most efficient compared with G). The Energy Saving Trust also provides a label that is awarded to products that meet strict criteria on energy efficiency.

### Should I replace my appliances?

All products consume energy and resources in their manufacture. It's not usually worth replacing them before necessary. However, you can use your appliances more efficiently:



Wash your clothes at 30°C, regularly defrost your freezer, only boil the water you need, keep the back of the fridge well ventilated, keep your freezer in the garage or colder areas of your property and use a washing line and clothes horse to dry clothes. All these things will help you keep your electricity costs down and reduce the environmental impact of your appliances.

## At a glance

Lights and appliances are responsible for about 15% of a household's energy consumption. However, electricity is more expensive than gas and has a greater environmental impact.

Look after your appliances and when buying new ones choose energy efficient models and check their labels.

And remember – switch them off at the socket, when they are not being used.

