

Waste not, want not

Borrow a free energy monitor

Visit your local library and borrow a free energy monitor from your local library and find out how much electricity you're using in your home.

To find out more about how an energy monitor can help you reduce your electricity consumption visit www.spelthorne.gov.uk/monitor



For advice, help or feedback about the monitors please call Francesca Nesbitt on **01784 446308** or e-mail f.nesbitt@spelthorne.gov.uk

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Tips and advice on how you can reduce your electricity consumption

- Using your energy monitor, identify your high energy users and reduce the amount of time you use them.
- Only use the washing machine and dish washer when you have a full load.
- Wash your clothes at 30°C; lower temperatures use less electricity.
- Use the washing line instead of the tumble dryer to dry your clothes.
- Defrost your fridge and freezer on a regular basis as ice build-up will make a freezer work harder and waste energy.
- Only boil as much water as you need.
- Install energy saving light bulbs: you can save 75% of the energy used to light your home.
- Always turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Turn your TV, computer, DVD, video player, games console, computer and printer off when you're not using it, and don't leave things on stand-by.
- Unplug chargers for your PC and phone when not in use.
- When replacing appliances, choose energy efficient (A-rated) ones.

Using electricity costs money and contributes to your carbon footprint. For every 1kWh (kilowatt hour) of electricity you use, 0.54kg of carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere. By measuring your electricity consumption, you can begin to calculate your carbon footprint. Your carbon footprint is also made up of the emissions associated with heating your home and travel; these are areas you can tackle to further reduce your contribution to climate change.

For advice on energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable travel, contact the Energy Saving Trust on **0800 512 012** or visit **www.energysavingtrust.org.uk**

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