



**More households are turning off appliances at the switch and saving up to \$180 per annum on wasted power use. Standby power now accounts for 15% of household energy bills as the number of appliances per household grows in the average Australian home and remote controls become commonplace.**

Many modern appliances such as TV's, DVD's and music centres can be deceptive. When you think they are turned off by using the remote, many continue to use power, unless they are switched off at the plug.

There are several useful ways to train your household to save on appliance running costs:

- Linking several appliances together onto a [power board](#) with just one switch, can make the turning off process quicker and easier.
- Placing signs as prompts by the television and music system as handy reminders.
- Appliances which have a light display like microwaves and clocks use more standby power than toasters or kettles.
- [ResourceSmart retailers](#) have been trained to give advice on the energy efficiency of appliances and how to pre-set computers, faxes and printers to turn off automatically. This makes energy saving easier, particularly with printers which tend to spend 95% of the time idle.
- When purchasing appliances, keep in mind not only the [energy efficiency star rating](#), but also the practical features that help energy savings.
- Learn about the new [Australian policy](#) on standby power.
- [Computers](#) are best turned off if they are not to be used for more than an hour, plus big savings can be made by turning off fridges and other appliances when going away.

Recent successes highlighted on the GreenHouse Project [forum](#) included offering teenagers

some of the savings achieved on the bill as an incentive when they turn off their lights and appliances. Why not tell us your experiences?

Congratulations on starting this sustainable journey and you can win some [great prizes](#) when you implement a recommended change from your home assessment and complete the feedback survey, to be sent through in October.

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