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How to save electricity around the home with our money saving tips

Similarly to gas, there are a few changes you can make around your home that could help cut down your average electricity usage and the amount of money you have to spend.

Use energy-saving lightbulbs
A lot of electricity is used in lighting your home, but you can use less energy by investing in specific energy-saving lightbulbs, which are readily available. You won't lose any light, and you'll save money too.

Use energy-efficient electric appliances
Some appliances, like dishwashers, run on electricity as opposed to gas, so it's worth seeking out the most energy-efficient models to ensure you're not spending more than you need to. Look for models rated A+++ by the EU as a general guide.

Don't leave anything plugged in that isn't being used
A lot of wasted electricity occurs through leaving appliances plugged in that aren't being used. Even charger cables that don't have anything plugged into them, but are still connected to the socket, can waste electricity, so it's often better to err on the side of caution by unplugging anything that isn't being actively used and switching the power off at the plug.

Find and switch to a cheaper electricity deal
Six different firms provide electricity in Northern Ireland. How much you can save depends on whether you're on a credit meter or prepay, plus where you are and your usage.

Compare to find YOUR cheapest price
To find YOUR cheapest deal you will need to do a comparison. Unlike in the rest of the UK, in Northern Ireland comparison tools only show you what tariffs are available and how much you can potentially save based on the info you provide – they can't complete the switch for you, so you must contact the supplier directly. The Consumer Council is an independent organisation with a legal responsibility to protect consumers' interests.
To compare, you can visit: https://www.consumercouncil.org.uk/comparison_tool/begin
- It's free and offers a full market comparison.

Alternatively, you can try the Power to Switch tool by visiting:
https://powertoswitch.co.uk/electricity-comparison/get-a-quote/ tool.
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How does saving energy help the environment?
Cutting carbon emissions and saving natural resources are high on everyone's list. The UK Government has recently adopted the recommendations of the Committee on Climate Change's report and announced plans to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.