

ANC ENERGY-EFFICIENCY CAMPAIGN

In the recent past, our country has experienced an unprecedented amount of load shedding. This has caused unfortunate disruptions in our homes, businesses and places of work. We will continue to experience problems with the supply of electricity, unless, all of us take responsibility to save electricity.

South Africa has experienced tremendous growth, since our ANC-led government came into power. Most of our people, especially the poor and rural communities, now have access to electricity and decent housing.

The ANC continues to strive towards improving the lives of our people and remains committed to provide a better life for all.

Together, we can make a difference and save electricity, by using it wisely.

Benefits of conserving electricity

- The need for load shedding will be greatly reduced, and in some instances eliminated.
- It will allow Eskom to continue carrying out maintenance of the power stations.
- Will assist in keeping our economy productive and growing.
- More electricity will be available to keep in reserve and to be used in times of emergency.

The power is in your hands. Conserve electricity.

Geysers and taps:

- Geysers consume more electricity than any of the electrical appliances in our homes. Reduce the temperature of the geyser to 55 degrees or switch it off when you do not need to use it.
- Take a shower instead of a bath to save hot water.
- Do not let hot water pour out of taps and down the drain and fix all leaking taps.
- Rather use cold water for hand and machine washing.

Lights:

- Use energy-saving light bulbs, called compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). They last much longer and uses less electricity. Ask your local shop for advice on CFLs.
- If you are unable to afford CFLs, buy light bulbs that use less power, for example a 60 watt light bulb is adequate to light a room.
- Switch off the lights when you do not need to use them.

Other appliances

- Gas is more efficient for heating and cooking.
- Keep lids on the pots when you cook to conserve heat and energy.
- Soak beans, samp and other dry food over night. This saves several hours of cooking.
- Use an electrical kettle to boil water rather than a pot on the stove. Boil only the amount of water you need, instead of a full kettle.
- When heating the room, use a heater instead of a hotplate stove.
- Repair all faulty and damaged electrical appliances as they tend to consume more electricity.
- Turn-off all appliances, such as radios and TVs when going to bed. Do not leave them on stand-by mode.
- Close the fridge door properly every time you take things out.

Illegal connections

- Illegal connections are dangerous and consume a lot of electricity.
- Report all such connections to your local authority or police station.

Call to small, medium and large businesses, private offices and government departments

- Please switch your lights off when you are not using them.
- Use energy sparingly, especially air-conditioners and heaters.

**You can make a difference.
Use electricity wisely.**

