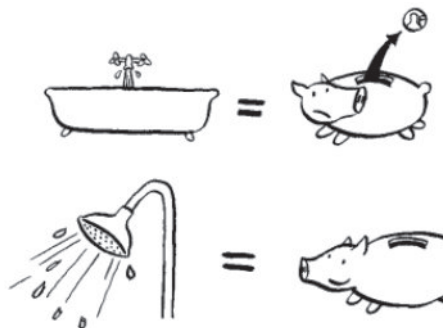


WATER

- ▶ Take rather a **shower** than a bath. The quantity of water of one bath is equal to 3 showers.



- ▶ Close the **taps** properly and change the washer if necessary. The leaking tub or toilet can waste from 3 to 4 litres per hour.
- ▶ Run the **washing machine** only when it's full and use **short programs with a low temperature** (30° for coloured and 60° for white linen).
- ▶ Place a **bottle filled with water** in **water tank** to reduce the water use every time you flush the toilet.

Reduced tariff

The tariff is applied to every person registered in the population register. If you are not registered, ask for the **residence certificate**. (Sometimes it's necessary to insist!)

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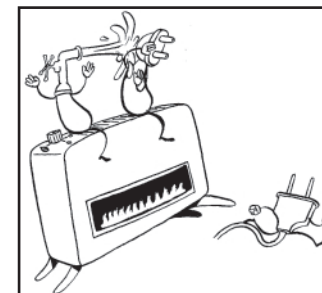
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A tip!
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HEATING

- ▶ Heat enough, but not too much.
- ▶ Heat only the rooms where you live.

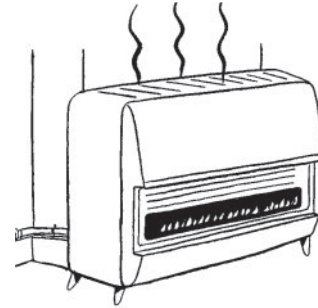
When you **air** the housing, **shut down the heating**.



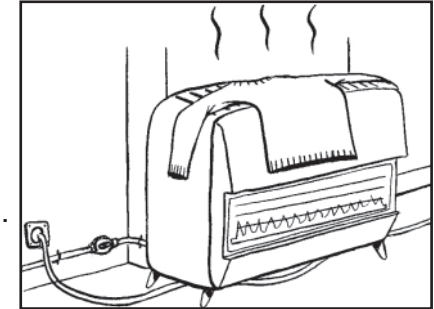
- ▶ If you are cold, put on a **sweater** instead of increasing the heating.

Be careful with **small mobile devices**. Use as less as possible extra heating devices and be wary of **dangerous heaters** (with oil or butane).

- ▶ If it's possible, **isolate** your housing.
- ▶ When you **leave the housing**, **turn down** the heating.
- ▶ Clean regularly the **convectors**. Cleaned from the dust, they work better.

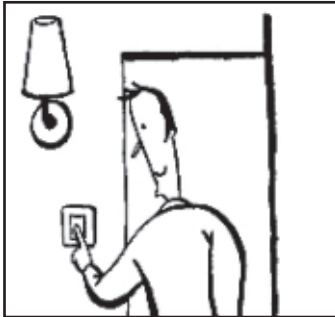


- ▶ The **curtains** shouldn't cover the heater (Waste of heat and risk of fire).
- ▶ During the **night** do not turn down the heater beneath 16-17°C. Otherwise more energy will be needed to heat the house.
- ▶ Avoid drying the **wet laundry** on radiators. (Risk of fire on convector or electric heater).



GAS AND ELECTRICITY

- ▶ Turn off the **light** when you leave the room or your housing.



- ▶ If possible, use **economic light bulbs** or **neon tubes**.

- ▶ Cooking with **pan covered by lid** allows you to spend less energy than cooking in the oven.
- ▶ If you cook with **electric stove**, use the pan suiting the size of the stove burner to avoid energy loss. Turn it off by the end of cooking.
- ▶ Cook with small amount of water. It spares the water use and it's more healthy.
- ▶ **Gas stove** uses **2 times less of energy** compared to the electric one.

- ▶ The **fridge** and the **freezer** must be **defrosted regularly**. The electricity use doubles starting from **4cm of frost formation**.
- ▶ **To avoid the frost formation :**
 - 1) Don't leave the fridge door opened unnecessarily.
 - 2) Let dishes to cool down before putting them in the fridge.
- ▶ Clean the **grid on the back of the fridge** to prevent it from overheating that would lead to an increase of energy use.
- ▶ Turn off the **night light** of your devices (TV, video) and plug out the chargers (mobile phone, batteries).
- ▶ Switch off the **night light** of the water heater when **not needed**.
- ▶ Fix you water heater on **45°** (in the kitchen and the bathroom).

- ▶ Remove the **scale from the water heater** at least **every 2 years**. Because of the **scale**, it takes more times to heat the water causing more of electricity use.

Social tariff

The tariff reduce for electricity and gas is possible for those who get a **social integration income or social financial aid** of CPAS.

(The asylum seekers don't have a right for it.)

A demand of the social tariff must be put forward with the **CPAS certificate**.

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