

Prevent the spread of germs



Create as much space as possible between the heads of sleeping children.



Try 'topping and tailing' if your children share a bed.



Try not to have lots of people sleeping together in one room.

Quick tips:



Use firewood that has been dried for a year.



To remove mould and mildew spray on a mixture of 70 percent white vinegar and 30 percent water.



Woolen blankets are warmer.



Wash your clothes with cold water and dry them outside if the sun is shining.

Keeping your home warm and dry this winter

Every household releases around 8 litres of moisture into the home every day from activities like cooking, showering and breathing.

The more moisture there is in the air, the harder and more expensive it is to heat.

Here are some simple things you can do to help reduce moisture, making it easier to heat your home.



WHOLE HOUSE

Open curtains in the morning and close them just before dark to keep in the warmth.



WHOLE HOUSE

Wipe condensation off walls and windows.



KITCHEN

When you're cooking:

- keep lids on pots, and make sure the pot fits the element and the lid fits the pot
- use your rangehood
- open the window.



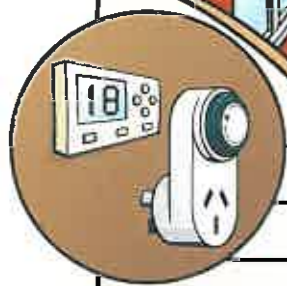
BEDROOM

- Keep beds and furniture away from the walls.
- The trapped air can cause condensation to form between the two, and mould will be in among your shoes and clothes before you know it. Always leave a gap so the air can circulate freely.
- Keep wardrobe doors slightly open.
- Avoid putting mattresses directly on the floor.



WHOLE HOUSE

Air rooms in the daytime with an open window.

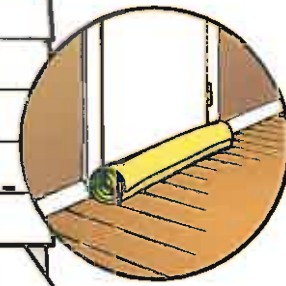


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Use thermostats and timers so your heaters only come on when you need them and automatically turn off once the right temperature is reached.

WHOLE HOUSE

Stop cold air coming in under the door by blocking its path with a 'door snake'. You can make one by rolling up a towel or filling up an old rugby sock.



BATHROOM

- Open the window when showering and keep your bathroom door closed up to half an hour after showering.
- Use your extractor fan.



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