



WHAT CAN I SAVE UP FOR THAT WILL PAY FOR ITSELF OVER TIME?

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?	HOW MUCH COULD I CUT MY LOSSES BY EVERY YEAR?
Replace an electric hot water system with a solar alternative (cost between \$2,500 and \$4,000 depending upon rebates)	 \$780
Upgrade the car to a more fuel efficient model (cost between \$15,000 and \$40,000 for fuel efficient cars)	 \$500
Install 1.2 kW photovoltaic system (solar panels) on your roof (cost around \$4400 depending upon rebates and solar credit value)	 \$408
Replace a gas hot water system with a solar alternative (cost around \$4,500 depending upon the model selected)	 \$378
Install roof insulation (cost between \$200 and \$1,200 depending upon available rebates)	 \$127
Install a grey water system (cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000 depending upon rebates and the system selected)	 \$88
Replace 50m ² of lawn with waterwise planting and drippers (cost between \$100 and \$500 depending upon the size of plants chosen)	 \$88
Shade your east and west windows from the summer sun (per average window or 1 square meter) (cost around \$100 for a DIY exterior awning blind)	 \$55

During 2010/11, Living Smart will be offered to around 10,000 households in Perth's eastern region as part of the Perth Solar City program. For more information on this Australian Government initiative, please call 1300 993 268 or visit perthsolarcity.com.au. The Living Smart Ambassadors are Tanya Ha (expert in environmental living and the author of *Greenology* and *Green Stuff for Kids*) and Josh Byrne (sustainability specialist, presenter on ABC TV's *Gardening Australia* program and author of *The Green Gardener*). The information in this brochure is provided in good faith. However the accuracy or appropriateness of the information is not guaranteed. The Living Smart brand has been developed by The Meeting Place Community Centre, the City of Fremantle, Murdoch University and Southern Metropolitan Regional Council to support a suite of programs developing capacity in community sustainability.

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What can I do to stop wasting money on bills?

HOW MUCH MONEY COULD I BE WASTING?

EVERY YEAR MOST HOUSEHOLDS SPEND AROUND:

\$1,700	on energy (electricity and gas) - (\$170 per bill)
\$200	on water use (excludes water 'rates')
\$2,400	on petrol (one fill up per week)
\$4,300	TOTAL BILLS

Up to \$2,000 is wasted on inefficient appliances, leaving things on, wrong settings, over watering, car trips that are close enough to walk or cycle, or not combining errands into larger trips.

To stop spending money on energy, water and petrol that you don't need, try some of the ideas listed below. Many actions don't cost a cent and will save you money from day one; other investments have a cost up front, but pay back quickly in reduced bills.





WHAT CAN I DO NOW THAT WON'T COST ME A CENT?

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?	HOW MUCH COULD I CUT MY LOSSES BY EVERY YEAR?
Run your pool pump for two hours less a day	 \$232
Turn off the old second fridge sitting in your garage	 \$190
Cut your daily shower (and someone else's) by 4 minutes	 \$159
Switch off standby power each day	 \$145
Take public transport into town (10km each way) once a week	 \$130
Use a fan instead of the air conditioner most days	 \$127
Lower your hot water system's thermostat by 20°C	 \$67
Turn your bar fridge on only when you need it	 \$63
Dry your clothes on the line, not in the dryer	 \$45
Walk to the local shop (1km each way) once a week	 \$13

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WHAT ARE MY LOW COST SOLUTIONS	HOW MUCH COULD I CUT MY LOSSES BY EVERY YEAR?
Maintain the car and drive smoothly	 \$730
Replace 10 of your standard globes with compact fluorescents	 \$159
Replace 5 of your 240V downlights with most energy-efficient alternatives	 \$60
Replace 5 of your 12V downlights with LED alternatives	 \$60
Install a pool blanket to cut water loss	 \$59
Switch to a waterwise shower head	 \$59

Savings differ from house to house depending upon appliances, insulation, car size and other factors.