

Compare power plans and save money

Electricity retailers always change their prices. If you haven't changed your electricity plan in a while, chances are high that you can save big by switching your electricity plan and retailer.

POWERSWITCH by consumer.

Powerswitch is a free initiative from Consumer NZ, designed to help people choose the electricity plan that is cheapest for their home. To start comparing different options, complete the table below with information from your most recent electricity bill.

Date:	Current power plan:
Power cost per unit (c/kWh)	
Daily charge	
Amount of latest electricity bill (\$)	
Amount of latest electricity bill (kWh)	
Other benefits (e.g. free power hour, appliances, internet deals)	

Next, fill out the questionnaire on powerswitch.org.nz to see which electricity plans are cheapest for you. You can also upload a power bill at the end for more accurate estimates. Use the below section to compare plan pricing:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Plan name & retailer			
Power cost per unit (c/kWh)			
Total cost for usage on this plan, assume kWh the same as last month (as above)			
Daily charge			
Total fixed cost for connection (multiply daily charge)			
Other benefits (e.g. free power hour, appliances, internet deals)			

Note: Not all electricity retailers or plans are on Powerswitch, so make sure you compare your existing electricity plan to the suggested options. You can also give your retailer a call to see if they have a cheaper electricity plan than the one you are on now.

Record sheet

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Resources for tips, tricks and support

GEN LESS⁺

Learn how to save energy and reduce costs in your home.

genless.govt.nz



Do a free online check to see how healthy and energy-efficient your home is.

homefit.org.nz

ECECA

Find out if you're eligible for free home insulation or heating support.

eeca.govt.nz/warmer-kiwi-homes-programme



Expert advice to make your home healthier, more energy-efficient, and affordable to run.

ecodesignadvisor.org.nz



Learn simple ways to reduce your electricity use and save power.

ea.govt.nz/your-power/ways-to-save-energy



Compare electricity plans and find the best one for your household.

powerswitch.org.nz
0800 266 786



Connect with local support and practical help for households in Timaru.

27 Strathallan St, Timaru
03 687 7360
comtrust.org.nz



Advice and support on housing, energy, and wellbeing in the Fairlie area.

67 Main St, Fairlie
03 685 8496



Local support and community connections in the Twizel area.

33 Mt Cook St, Twizel
03 435 0687
twizelcare.co.nz



Help with housing, budgeting, and access to local services.

1 Glasgow St, Waimate
03 689 6226
communitylinkwaimate.org



Friendly support for migrant and newcomer families in South Canterbury.

4 Latter St, Timaru
03 687 7332
multiculturalaoraki.org.nz



Free, confidential advice on housing, energy, and where to go for help.

cab.org.nz
03 687 7362

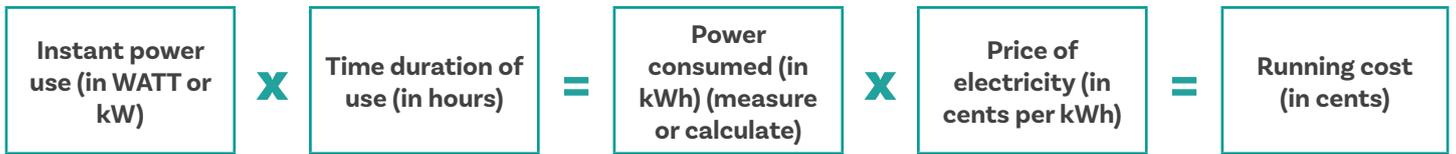
Energy cost meter

Check your current power bill to find the following prices:

Price per kWh (uncontrolled)		Special price per kWh (night, time of use)	
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Use the Power Meter to measure electricity use by your appliances: either measure the kWh used over a time, or multiply the specified wattage (1000W = 1kW) with the time the appliance was on (in hours). Then calculate the running cost by multiplying the kWh used with the price you pay in your power plan per kWh as follows:



Appliance	Power usage (Watt or kW)	Duration of use (hours)	kWh used (kWh)	Price per kWh	Running cost (cents)
Fridge (per day)					
Freezer (per day)					
Heater (per day)					
Dishwasher (per cycle)					
Washing Machine (per cycle)					
Clothes Dryer (per cycle)					
Other:					

Thermometer Hygrometer

Use the Thermometer Hygrometer to measure the temperature and humidity in different rooms over the course of 24 hours.



	Test date	Temperature		Moisture	
		Min	Max	Min	Max
Bedroom 1					
Bedroom 2					
Kitchen					
Living Room					
Bathroom					
Laundry					

Water temperature and flow rate



Water temp.: °C
 Ideal water temperature at the tap: 50-60°C



Flow rate:L/min
 Ideal flow rate: 10L or less per minute