



Good to Know - Recommendations for Our Tenants

Energy is becoming scarcer, and consequently more expensive

The available energy sources are finite, and out of a responsibility for our descendants and the environment, it's crucial to use energy wisely. Energy-saving measures not only impact our wallets but also contribute to a sustainable future. As a tenant, you can play a role in minimizing energy waste. Here are some tips:

- **Ventilate Properly to Save Heating Costs:** The best approach is brief and thorough ventilation in the rooms. For optimal results, fully open the windows for a few minutes to completely renew the air. Remember, ventilation should solely aim to exchange air, not to regulate the temperature. Opening the windows wide for just a few minutes is sufficient to completely refresh the air we breathe. In contrast, a continuously tilted window is not only less effective and unhealthy; such continuous ventilation can easily double heating costs.
- **Do Not Switch Off Heating Completely:** Ensure that the heating is not switched off entirely in any room during the heating period.
- **Close Cellar and Attic Windows in Freezing Temperatures**
- **For Apartments with Underfloor Heating:** Only use suitable carpets to ensure effective heating, as the landlord cannot otherwise guarantee its proper functioning.

Hot Water Needs More Energy Than You Think

The hot water supply is the second largest energy consumer in a home, accounting for up to 30 % of the total energy consumption. Consider these tips to save energy:

- **Choose Showers Over Baths:** A full bath requires three times more water than a shower.
- **Mindful Water Use:** Washing dishes under running water or shaving with the tap open significantly increases water consumption.
- **Promptly Repair Dripping Taps:** The energy costs for a dripping tap can surpass the repair cost in a short period. Timely repairs are not only cost-effective but also a tenant's responsibility.

Heavy Objects

Place suitable underlays under heavy furniture to protect the floor. Consider the load-bearing capacity of the ceiling structure below when positioning heavy objects on a balcony or penthouse terrace.

Sun Blinds

Avoid leaving sun blinds and roller shutters down or exposed during windy, rainy or hail-prone weather. Prolonged periods of the roller shutters and sun blinds to the elements are discouraged.