



VICTORIAN MIDDAY POWER SAVER

3 HOURS OF FREE ELECTRICITY EVERY DAY

From 1 October 2026 | FREE POWER 11 AM - 2 PM | Every day, including weekends

Eligible households can access up to 24 kWh of free electricity during the three-hour window each day.

WHO CAN ACCESS IT?

Residential customers can opt in if they have a smart meter. Licensed electricity retailers with 1,000 customers or more are required to offer the Midday Power Saver.

Some customers in embedded networks may also be eligible, depending on their ability to choose a licensed retailer and their metering arrangements.

HOW MUCH COULD I SAVE?

The Victorian Government estimates households could save between \$149 and \$428 a year, depending on their circumstances and how much electricity use they shift into the free period.

Households with an electric vehicle could save up to an additional \$674 - up to \$1,102 in total - by charging during the free period instead of peak times.

HOW DO I GET THE MOST FROM IT?

Where practical, shift energy-intensive activities to 11 am - 2 pm:

- Hot water heat pumps
- Dishwashers and washing machines
- Clothes dryers
- Heating and cooling
- Home batteries
- Electric vehicle charging

Timers can help run appliances during the free period even when you are not at home.

IS IT RIGHT FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD?

Not necessarily. Electricity prices outside the free 11 am - 2 pm period may be higher. If you cannot shift enough electricity use, your overall costs could be higher.

Before you sign up, your retailer must explain the possible cost impact and tell you about other plans it reasonably believes may suit you better.

IMPORTANT CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

- A cooling-off period applies after signing up.
- You can leave the Midday Power Saver at any time with no exit fee.
- Existing protections for payment difficulty, life support customers and people affected by family violence continue to apply.
- The offer is regulated and reviewed annually by Victoria's independent energy regulator, the Essential Services Commission.

USE APPLIANCES SAFELY

If you plan to use several high-energy appliances, spread their use across the three-hour window rather than running them all at once.

This can reduce the risk of tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses. If your home has older wiring or an older switchboard, consider speaking with a licensed electrician.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

From 1 October 2026, contact your electricity retailer and ask about the Victorian Midday Power Saver.

Before changing plans, compare your options using the Victorian Government's free and independent Victorian Energy Compare service.

MORE INFORMATION

energy.vic.gov.au - search "Midday Power Saver" | compare.energy.vic.gov.au

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