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1. Establish energy efficient practices:
Depending on the utility company you are paying, they usually have off to high peak times during the day. Try your best to only use excess energy during the low or off-peak times.
2. Replace existing bulbs with LED lights, they consume less power and offer much longer lifespans. QEC offer lights installed by qualified electricians that can reduce energy consumption by up to 75% and increase your fixtures lifespan by 2-3 times.

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3. Use hibernation feature of computers and laptops: Hibernate feature in laptops and desktops allows you to save your existing work as it is and you can continue from the same point next day.

4. Switch off equipment when not in use: Make sure that you switch off all printers, scanners, microwave, lights, Air conditioners when not in use. They continue to draw power even if they are plugged in. Switching them off will conserve energy and reduce your energy bill.

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5. Buy energy efficient devices: Energy efficient devices cost more upfront but over years of use, they're going to save you money. This holds true for any equipment that runs on electricity – spending a little more can result in significant savings over years.

6. Keep control of your heating and cooling: Keeping your room temperature one degree down during winters and one degree up during summers can reduce the power it uses by up to 10%.

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7. Upgrade all out-dated equipment with energy star appliances: If your old heater or air conditioner is not working at its maximum efficiency, it could draw unnecessary power which may cost you money. Replace your decade-old heaters and air conditioners with energy star ones.
8. Consider installing solar panels: Solar energy is a free, clean and renewable source of energy. Solar panels might cost expensive initially but that cost can be recovered within few years if solar energy is used up to full strength. Solar panels last longer and have few maintenance problems. This will help you to bring down your monthly electricity bill.