



LET IT OUT – Humidity

Let out the steam

Open the window widely several times a day to let out the warm humid room air.

Cooking or taking a shower can produce up to 14 liters of steam in a three-person household every day. This and drying the laundry in a closed room could cause mold or humidity stains.



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RECYCLING – Save environment

- Choose the blue paper container for waste paper or folded cardboard boxes.
- Waste glass should be disposed in the local collection points. You find the closest collection point here: www.berlin-recycling.de/index.php/standorte-glasiglus. In larger residential areas you may also find glass containers on the rubbish dumps.
- Empty and clean packaging should be disposed in a yellow garbage bag or a yellow container.
- Put everything else in the bin for residual waste.
- You can leave your bulky waste like furniture, carpets or TVs at the recycling center of the „Berliner Stadtreinigung“. Search the closest one here: <http://www.bsr.de/9390.html>. You can also agree on a collection date here: <http://www.bsr.de/6081.html>.



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LIP – on the pot

Cooking without a lid...

...is like heating with the window wide open: Leave it on the pot and save up to 25 % of the energy.

- A pot or a pan should not be smaller than the hotplate so that the heat is used effectively.
- If the stove or oven is switched off prematurely, the remaining heat is sufficient to finish cooking.
- Vegetables can be gently steamed in a steam bath. It is often enough to cover the bottom of the pot with some water. It will boil faster; everything stays crispy fresh and rich in vitamins.
- Kettles save a lot of time and energy. One kettle boils a liter of water in two and a half minutes – a stove needs six minutes for the same amount of water.



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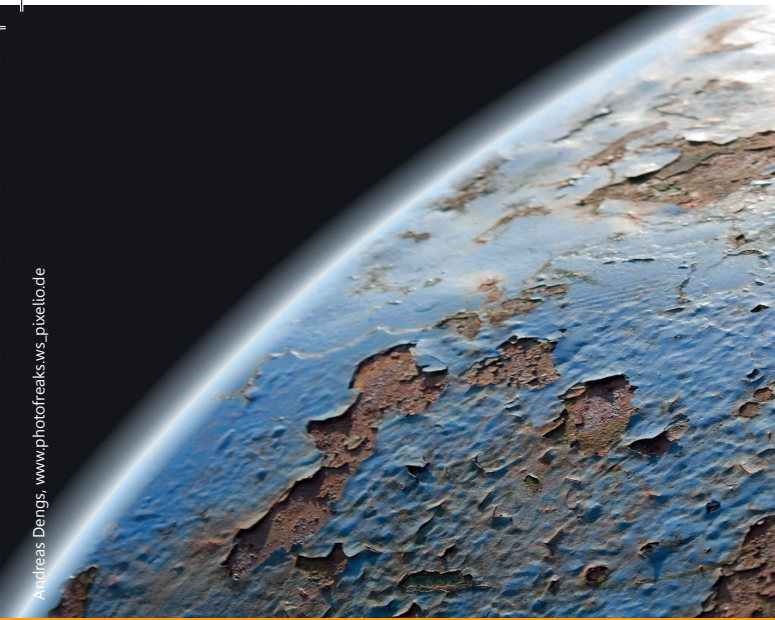


Save the climate

Save your money

Everybody can do their
bit in their dormitory

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SAVE CLIMATE – and your rent

Did you know?

Our earth is getting warmer – that is no secret anymore. Due to a rising energy consumption every year the greenhouse effect has been boosting the global warming. This results in natural disasters worldwide such as storms or floods, melting polar ice caps and a rising sea level which we will increasingly have to fight in the near future.

What can you do?

It is not that difficult to get active. Even small steps of you and your roommates will contribute to the environmental protection. Less consumed energy means less production of carbon dioxide – in your own room, your shared apartment or worldwide. Additionally, your measures will ensure the stability of your dormitory's rents.

Here are some advices to help you comfortably save our climate.



SWITCH IT OFF – Save energy

Power guzzlers

When you completely turn off your electrical devices after use, you can save up to 50 % of the electricity. Hi-fi systems, TVs, computers and other devices are real power guzzlers in stand-by mode. Electricity with a value of about 4 billion euros is wasted only in Germany because of the stand-by mode every year. Socket strips with power switches are very useful to avoid this high waste.

Energy-saving LED-Lamps

They can be used where the light is turned on for more than one hour. Compared to common light bulbs they are about 80 % more economical. Their fifteen-fold lifetime justifies their higher prices.

No light needed

If there is nobody in the common rooms and the staircases, the lights can stay turned off.



TURN IT OFF – Save water

Water is a valuable commodity

- A long shower is nice, but expensive.
- Running water while brushing your teeth wastes about 15–20 liters per minute.
- The short flush of the toilet can help to save a third of the daily used water.
- Even if there are only small quantities, washing dishes in the sink filled with some water is better than under running water.

Doing the laundry

- It is more reasonable to fully load the washing machine since it uses the same amount of water and electricity as it needs for a half load.
- Choose the right temperature to save energy effectively. 30–40°C are often enough; you will probably never need more than 60°C.
- The energy consumption can be reduced by skipping the prewash program.

...and another tip: Economize on the detergent and avoid softener.



TURN IT OFF – Heating and airing

More is often less

You can achieve a pleasant room temperature of 20–21°C when you turn the thermostatic valve on a medium setting.

Efficient heating

If you are away for a longer time, even if only for a weekend, a lower room temperature reduces the energy consumption significantly. Even a reduction of 1°C results in 6 % less consumed energy. Temperatures of 12–15°C are enough to keep the room from getting too cold during your absence.

Quick airing

Those who tilt the window while keeping the heater on, heat the whole street as well. It is better to open the window widely for a few minutes several times a day and to turn off the heater at the same time.

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