

plugged in

THE EXPERT TRADESMENS' NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the third edition of *Plugged In*!

SUMMER IS HERE! ENJOY THOSE lazy, hazy days of fun in the sun but remember to save water and energy where you can. Our helpful tips can provide you with great ideas to do just that whilst helping you save money too!



Can you believe it? Another year has flown by and Christmas is just around the corner! We wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year of 2014. Until then take care, stay safe and have lots of fun this silly season.

All the teams at Everest Electrical and Jedi Plumbing. ■

Save \$\$

On home cooling bills – clean your air conditioner so it doesn't use as much energy to run, and close doors to unused rooms to reduce the area you need to cool.

Hot facts to stay cool



DID YOU KNOW ON AVERAGE, Australian homes use 38% of their total energy consumption on heating and cooling? Follow the tips below to stay cool this summer whilst saving energy. The energy you save will also save you money...now that's hot!...and Cool!

- Fans use 85% less energy than an air conditioner – you could run six fans and use less energy than one air conditioner!
- Set your air conditioner thermostat to 24°C rather than an icy 18°C. Each degree lower can add 10% to overall consumption of the air conditioner unit.
- Ensure the outdoor section of your air conditioning unit isn't installed facing the sun, unless the area is constantly shaded, to allow adequate cooling of the unit.

- Ensure windows and doors are closed before turning your air conditioner on.
- Take advantage of the BBQ season and reduce oven use – ovens add heat to your home.
- Reduce hot water expenses and your core body temperature by having shorter, cooler showers.
- Use floor lamps with a compact fluoro globe instead of hot halogen downlights. ■

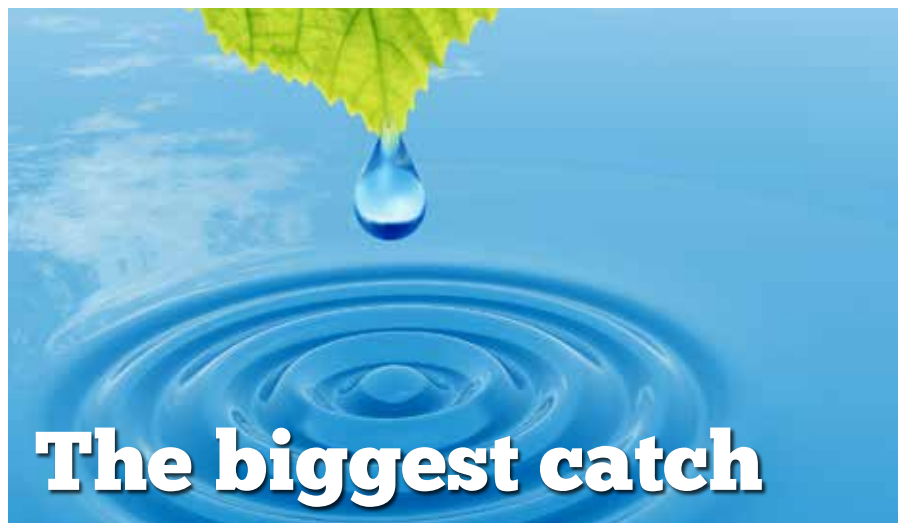
Save Energy & Save Money

This summer get a 20% discount on installation costs of ceiling fans when you mention this article.



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The biggest catch

WATER IS OUR MOST VALUABLE resource, so why not capture it and use it wisely? Water storage has and continues to be a prominent issue all over Australia. With harsh weather conditions and the need to conserve water ever present, it's time to change how you think about water, and the benefits of rainwater tanks.

Whether you are looking to install a small tank for watering the vegies or looking to connect to toilets and washing machines, the technicians at Jedi Plumbing can advise you on the most suitable and cost effective system for your needs.

Rainwater tanks come in a large variety of shapes and sizes to suit space, position and need. From slim line tanks to fit down

the narrow sides of houses to square under deck models that can be hidden away in areas where the space is usually wasted. If doing a new development, there are the under ground options that take up no space at all. And for those with no space there are the under house bladder style which fit neatly under your floor.

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Retro fitting rainwater to your toilets and washing machine may not be as difficult as you think. Imagine the satisfaction you would feel knowing that you are flushing

and washing with water that you have harvested. One step towards a more environmentally sustainable future.

Benefits and uses of water storage

- Supply of water for your garden/to wash your car/or to fill the pool.
- Connect to the house mains for use in toilets and washing machines.
- Add value to your home.
- Help you do your bit to save Australia's water.

Selecting a rainwater tank

There are a few key things you need to look at before you purchase a rainwater tank:

1. What size tank do you need?
2. How much water can you catch?
3. Where is your rainwater tank going to sit?
4. What fittings and accessories do you require?
5. What site preparations need to be undertaken?

The technicians at Jedi Plumbing are trained in the latest rainwater pump technology to assist in giving you the best advice on which system best suits your rainwater tank installation. Whether it be a small pump for a garden hose or a rain bank system which also connects to mains water, through our high product knowledge you will always receive the right advice. ■

DID YOU KNOW?



If you shorten your shower by a minute or two you'll save up to 567 litres of water per month.



An iron can consume as much energy as twenty-four 100 watt light bulbs so use the correct temperature setting on your iron.

25%

Household hot water accounts for 25% of home energy usage on average. Switching from a high flow inefficient showerhead to a 3 star rated showerhead can reduce your use by half.

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