

Dear S.T. Udent

While living in college residences, you have been paying an inclusive fee that covers your energy usage but when you move into the private-rented sector you'll probably pay based on how much you use.

Check out this example energy bill to show roughly how much you would have spent in res this year (based on price data collected in Ireland) – and remember to be careful with energy usage when you move out of halls so you don't receive a nasty surprise when you get your first real bill!

## YOUR ELECTRICITY USAGE

This covers the dates 01 Sept 2017 - 31 Aug 2018

**€650.00**  
Electricity Total : €650.00  
**2218kWh**

**€0.216/kWh**  
**€0.469/day**  
standing charge

### How can I save energy and money?

**Switch supplier/tariff** - if you pay the energy bill directly yourself, you have the right to switch supplier or tariff. Switching can save a typical household €180/year so check out the price comparison websites to save money.

**Request an Energy Performance certificate (EPC)** from your landlord – particularly when you are house-hunting. These show how well your home is insulated. The scale runs from A to G so we recommend avoiding F or G-rated properties otherwise it is likely to be expensive to keep your house warm.

**Get a smart meter** – if you pay the energy bill directly yourself, some suppliers can sell you a Smart Meter. These provide real-time information on how much you are using and spending to make it easy to identify energy wastage.

**Don't leave heating/lights/appliances left on unnecessarily!**