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## Switch off before you take off

Holidaymakers are being reminded to switch off non-essential electrical appliances before heading off on their summer holidays.

"Our message is simple – when you go on holidays, give your electrical appliances a break too," said Endeavour Energy's General Manager Safety, Human Resources and Environment Andrew Pitman.

"Just like packing your suitcase or cancelling your newspaper delivery, electrical safety is another important part of preparing to be away on holidays.

"You'll save on electricity and help keep your home safe by taking a few minutes to switch off non-essential appliances before leaving for your well-earned break."

Mr Pitman said that switching appliances off at the power point both reduced the risk of a fire and was an easy way to save money.

"You can save money for your next holiday by reducing stand-by power used by idle electrical appliances," Mr Pitman said.

"Stand-by power accounts for about 10 percent of an average household's energy consumption.

"Customers holidaying for extended periods can also consider cleaning out and switching off fridges that use a lot of electricity while they are away."

Mr Pitman said household appliances that can also have a holiday when you do include:

Televisions	Computers
DVD players	Printers
Game consoles	Amplifiers
Microwave ovens	Disused fridges

"No holidaymaker wants to get a call on holidays about an electrical fire or return home to appliances that don't work.

"By taking these simple precautions, you will return relaxed and rested to find your home and electrical appliances just the way you left them," Mr Pitman said.

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