

Electricity costs explained



Your electricity bill includes a cost breakdown, and while they don't all look exactly the same, here are examples of the common charges you may see on your bill.



Flat rate (Usage)

Your electricity use is charged at a flat rate per unit of electricity used.



Peak/Off-Peak (Usage)

You pay a lower rate for using electricity in 'off-peak' hours.



Supply Charge

This is a daily fixed charge that applies to the number of days in the billing period.



Demand Charge

A variable charge based on the level of demand your household places on the network during a specified time period.

Charge	Units	Rate per unit
Flat rate usage	200 kWh	\$0.40
Peak usage	100 kWh	\$0.65
Off-peak usage	100 kWh	\$0.30
Supply	31 days	\$1.09 /day
Demand	1 kW	\$0.42 / kW / day

Example pricing based on AGL's standing offer (including GST).
Retail rates from 1 July 2025.

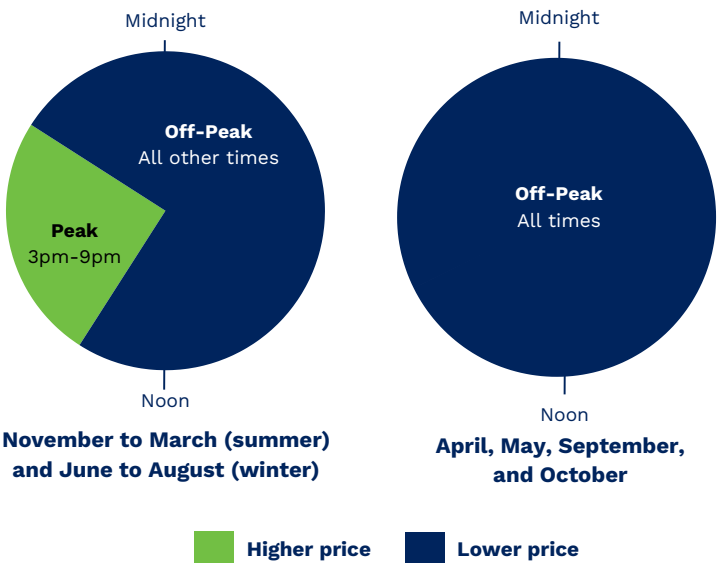
Flat Rate vs. Peak / Off-Peak

If you're able to shift when you use electricity to off peak times, it may be a good idea to talk to your retailer about a Time of Use (Peak / Off-Peak) plan instead.

Peak and Off-Peak Pricing

There are times in the day everyone is looking to use electricity putting greater pressure (demand) on our electricity network. This is typically when everyone is coming home from work or school and using a lot of appliances. This is called a Peak period.

To relieve that pressure, energy providers introduced off-peak periods to reward people with cheaper rates who were able to shift their energy use to a different time of day.



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