

# ENERGY



## HOW WE USE IT AND HOW TO USE LESS

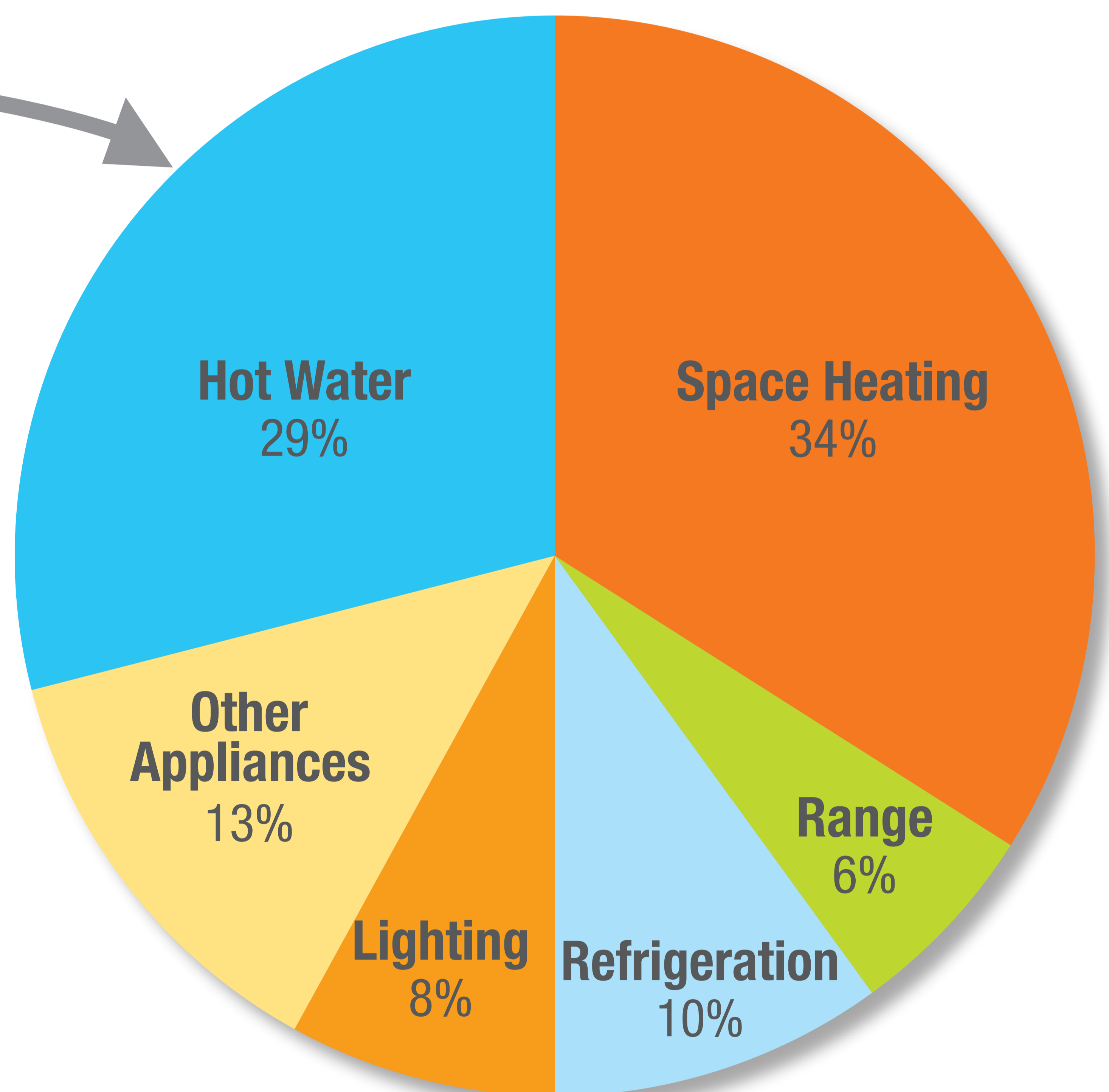
The average New Zealand household spends about \$1500 a year on electricity and gas. That's a significant chunk out of anyone's budget.

### HERE IS HOW THE AVERAGE FAMILY HOUSEHOLD USES ENERGY:

Electricity accounts for the majority (69%) of household energy. Solid fuels (wood, etc) account for 24%, gas 9% and LPG 2%.

### TIPS TO REDUCE ENERGY USE AND CREATE A HEALTHIER HOME

- Turn off lights when you leave the room
- Close windows and curtains at sunset in the winter
- Switch appliances off at the wall when your not using them
- Check your hot water cylinder to see if it is set at 60 °C (140 °F)
- Exclude draughts
- Insulate walls and ceilings to well above Building Code requirements
- Convert to solar hot water heating



Figures taken from the Energy Use in New Zealand Households: report on Year 10 of the Household Energy End-Use Project. Wellington: BRANZ).

### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SAVE POWER AND MONEY?



Support is available through our **Eco Design Advisor Service**. Residents of Tauranga and Western Bay are entitled to up to a two hour **FREE** advisory session. Our Eco Design Advisor can also advise you on government funding available to assist with home insulation and clean heating.



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