How to save on your home office energy bills

Working from home has many benefits, from greater flexibility in your working hours and the ability to balance family commitments, to saving time and money on commuting.
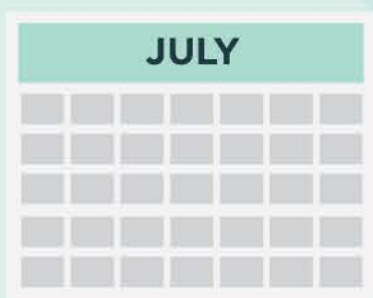
Below are some easy ideas for creating an enjoyable, productive work environment while saving on your power bills.
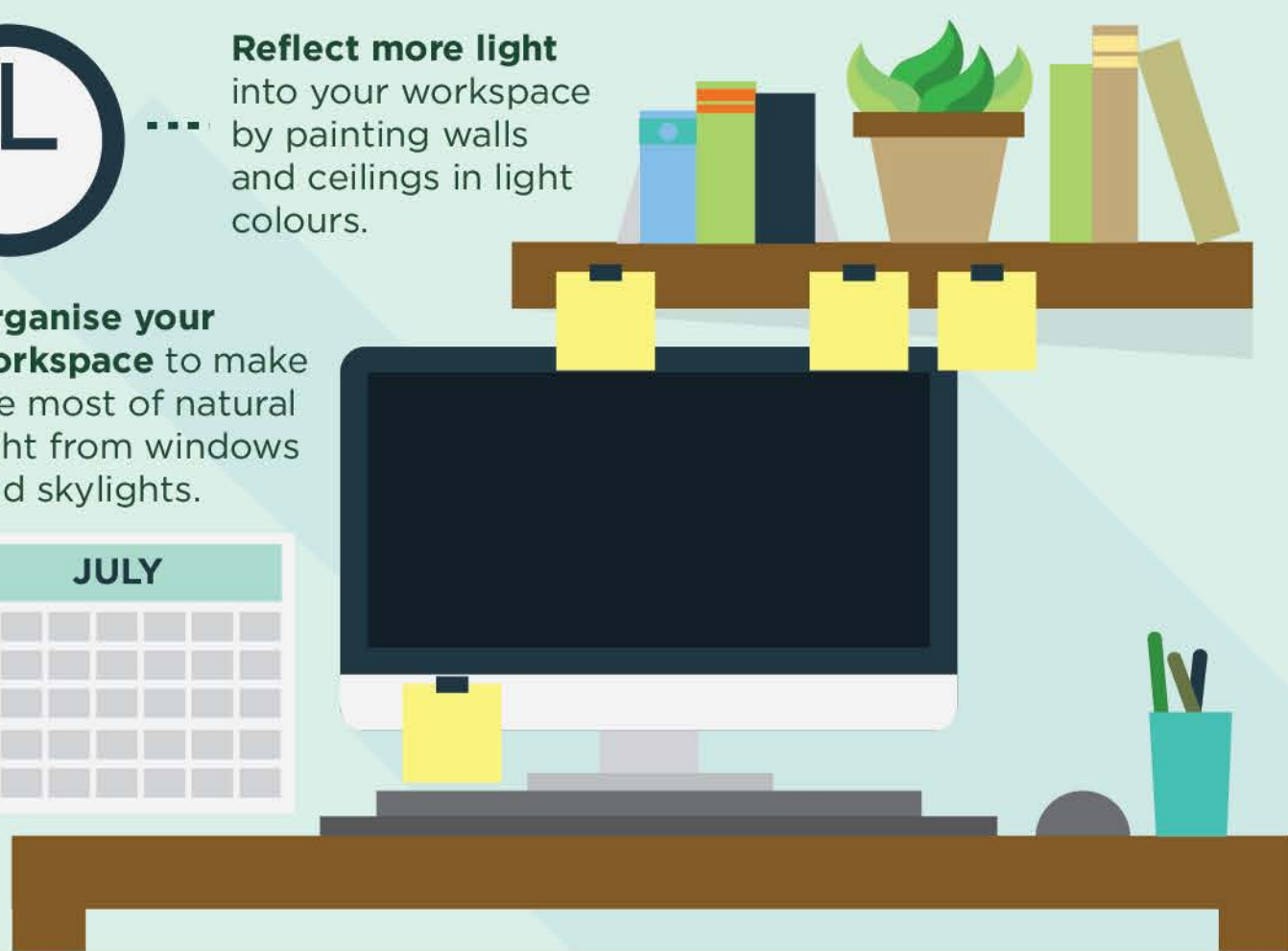
Maximise natural light

Reflect more light into your workspace by painting walls and ceilings in light colours.

Organise your workspace to make the most of natural light from windows and skylights.

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Install blinds to reduce heat and glare and aim natural light where it's needed.

Choose energy efficient equipment

Where practical, **use a laptop computer** which uses up to 90% less electricity than a desktop computer.

Turn your computer off at night. These days, it's usually unnecessary to leave computers on overnight for backing up data, so turn them off and save power.
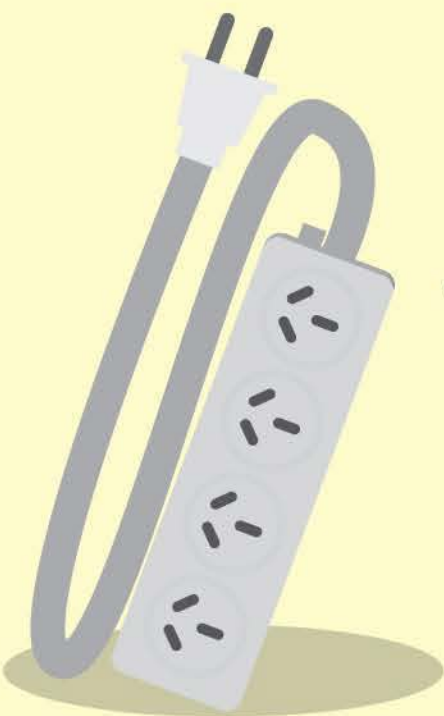
**Use inkjet printers** if possible, as they use up to 90% less electricity than laser printers.

Printers use electricity when they're switched on but not printing so **look for models with automatic 'power down' features** to reduce electricity usage by more than 65%

Switch off when not in use

Connect your devices to a power board with surge protector so it's easy to switch all of them off at once.
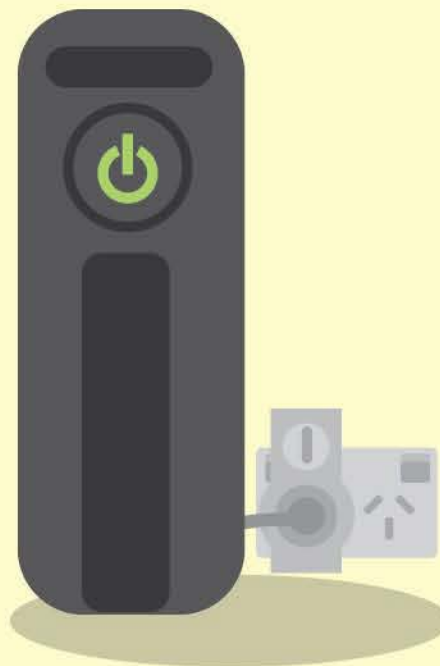
Turn your office equipment off when not in use with a simple plug-in timer, smart power board or occupancy sensor which detects if someone is in the room.