

# Can I take part in GivEnergy's GivBack events?

Yes, it is possible to participate in GivEnergy's GivBack events, though doing so whilst optimisation is on is not recommended.

This is because both systems attempt to control your battery, and running them at the same time could lead to conflicting commands and suboptimal financial outcomes.

## Can I do both at the same time?

It is possible if you turn off optimisation at the right time on the day of a GivBack event, and then turn it back on once its over. However, doing this has risks:

- Disrupts the optimisation strategy - the optimisation engine expect to control the battery throughout the day.
- Disabling it could interrupt its planned charging and discharging cycles.
- Potential financial losses - since optimisation is designed to maximise savings across the whole day, disabling it for a GivBack event could result in higher overall costs.
- Manual intervention required - one of the reasons to why Smug is so easy, is due to no manual intervention required. However, to participate in GivBack events, you would have to carefully time when to disable and re-enable optimisation, adding complexity, and increasing the risk of missing optimal charging periods.

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