



Install good insulation – loft insulation can save up to 25% and cavity wall insulation up to 35% off your annual heating bill.

If your gas boiler needs replacing, make sure you install a highly efficient condensing boiler in its place. This could save 32% on your heating bill.

Upgrade heating controls and cut your energy wastage by 17%. Together with a condensing boiler this could bump up your savings to 40%.

Hot water heating accounts for approximately 26% of your heating bill. With a solar system you could generate enough solar energy to heat 70% of your hot water for free, year after year.

Lag your hot water tank as well as the pipe leading to it from your boiler and save from £15 to £20 each year.

Is your hot water temperature set too hot? Your cylinder thermostat shouldn't need to be set higher than 60 degrees centigrade.

Turn your thermostat down by one degree – this could cut your yearly bill by up to 10%.

Take a shower instead of a bath – you'll use a staggering 40% less water!

A dripping hot water tap wastes energy and in one week wastes enough hot water to half fill a bath. So, fix leaking taps and make sure they are turned off.

30% of energy is lost through the windows, so ensure all windows are well fitted and double glazed.

Close your curtains and blinds at dusk to stop heat escaping through the windows.

If you have an immersion heater do not leave it switched on constantly, have a timer fitted.

If you're not filling up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher, use the half load, 40 degree, quick wash or economy programme.

Use low energy light bulbs – these last 12 times longer and for each bulb you fit you could save up to £7 per year.

Only boil as much water as you need (but remember to cover the element if you are using an electric kettle!).

Don't leave your TV and video on standby – they use around 70% of the power they would use if on.

Make the most of any warm weather by drying your clothes outside instead of using a tumble dryer – it's free!

Do not leave your home PC screen switched on when not in use.

Government grants are available for many of these energy saving measures.

See what could be available to you at:
www.gov.im/dlge/housing/homegrants
or telephone: 685955.

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