

Top Tips To Reduce Energy Bills

ACTION	<u>SAVINGS PER ANNUM</u>
1. Turn the thermostat down 1 degree centigrade Recommended living temperatures are 18°C - 21°C	£75 - £90
2. Turn off lights when not in the room	£20 - £40
3. Fill and heat kettle with only the water you require	£11 - £17
4. Use LED bulbs Replace old style filament bulbs (£10 saving) and halogen bulbs e.g. curly CFL style (£5 saving) with LED lights	£5 - £10 a bulb, aver £55-£120 per household
5. Radiator Reflector sheets for external wall radiator (cost £22 for 3), DIY e.g. Yorkshire Trading Company sells rolls 1mx7m £24.99	£15 - £20 per radiator
6. Draught excluders and doors, draft proof gaps including windows	£45 - £100
7. A four minute shower Electric showers cost about 51p per 10mins	£70 - £90
8. One less washing machine wash a week	£30+
9. Washing at 30° rather than 40° uses 50% less energy, or 20° on new machines, consider refresh v dirty, full load	£30
10. Use a bowl for washing up (not let water run)	£25 - £35
11. Switch off all appliances in stand-by mode	£55 - £75
12. Delay start of Heating (Oct to Nov)	£40-£70
13. Loft insulation, 270mm Adding 270mm new insulation in semi-detached house	£255 - £300
14. Use a thermostat timer and thermostatic radiator valves	£75 - £90
15. Install chimney balloons to stop draughts from unused chimneys	£125 / 5% of energy bill
16. Make sure your furniture isn't right up against your radiators. It will block the heat. Leave a gap of about 6 inches.	General saving

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17. Close the curtains when it's getting dark and tuck them in behind the radiator.	General saving
18. Put on another layer before you turn the heating on - lots of thinner layers keep you warmer than one big one.	General saving
19. Dry washing on washing line, clothes airer, not a tumbler drier	£65 - £160 Heat pump dryer best
20. Join an Oil bulk buy scheme	10% plus fuel cost
21. Energy saving plugs, built in timer counts down and turns off power at predetermined duration e.g. Energenie smart plug. Reduce energy use by appliance by 92% rather than on standby	£35 - £55
22. Fitting new/increasing thickness of hot water jacket cylinder jacket	£20 - £50
23. Dripping hot water tap	Can add £450 to a gas bill
24. Plan ironing so start with cooler settings and finish clothes with hottest settings rather than changing temperatures	General saving
25. Turn the heating completely off overnight and when no-one is in the house. Use your central heating timer to do this for you automatically.	
26. Substitute one bath a week with a shower	£12 - £20
27. Reduce dishwasher run by once a week (e.g. full rather than twice half empty)	£14 - £20

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