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A guide to
energy saving
for tenants



Make a move in the right direction

A quick guide to energy saving

WSB Group is committed to helping our tenants and making sure that they are as comfortable as possible in their homes. We have written this 'quick guide' as an aide for our tenants to help save energy, money and the environment.

It is very easy to waste energy without thinking about it.

Making small changes to your

daily life can dramatically lower the amount of energy you use. Below, are some energy (and money) saving tips:

Switch off your appliances. Leaving them on standby can add up to 8% to your electricity bill.

Having a shower instead of a bath saves both energy and water.

Use energy efficient light bulbs. They use a fifth of the energy and last up to 10 times longer than conventional light bulbs. Installing just one energy saving light bulb could save you up to £7 a year off your electricity bill.

Overfilling the kettle. Only use the water you need. It takes less time to boil and uses less energy.

Turning down your thermostat by one degree centigrade can save up to 10% on your heating bill. Remember, turning off your heating when going to work can save you even more money!

By turning down your heating, switching off your lights and turning appliances off when not in use could save you around £75 a year.

Did you know that you can still consider the following energy saving improvements if you rent from a private landlord?

Loft insulation

With up to a quarter of your heat escaping through your roof, good insulation could save you around £300 a year.

Draught proofing

Cavity wall insulation

Insulating the cavities between your walls could save you £90 a year.

Gas, electric or oil central heating

Glass fronted fire

Many of our landlords have been happy to let their tenants make these improvements and have offered to help with the cost and/or guarantee an extended tenancy.

Why not carry out a free home energy check online at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk help and support or over the phone free on 0800 512 012 to see how much you could save.

There are grants available to help you make these improvements. You don't have to be on a low income to get a grant, advice or information.

Energy Suppliers

Energy suppliers with a certain number of customers operating in Great Britain are obliged to achieve targets set by the Government for improving home energy efficiency. The suppliers provide a range of offers which significantly reduce the cost of installing energy efficient measures.

You can take up offers from any of the energy companies, regardless of who supplies your gas and electricity.

Local Authorities

Most local authorities provide grants and offers for local residents to install certain energy efficiency measures in their homes.

Warm Front Grant

As a tenant with a private landlord you may be eligible for a grant of up to £2,700 (or £4,000 if oil central heating is involved) under the Warm Front Scheme. To be eligible for a Warm Front Grant applicants must meet certain criteria based on age and/or benefits.

£300 Heating Rebate Scheme

If you don't qualify for a Warm Front Grant because you do not receive a relevant benefit, you may still be eligible for a £300 rebate if you are aged 60 or over.

Below is a list of useful websites providing information and advice on a range of energy savings topics.

www.warmfront.co.uk

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

www.biggreenswitch.co.uk

www.actonco2.direct.gov.uk

www.lightbulbs4free.com

www.government-grants.co.uk

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