

Ways to
Stay Warm
and be
Energy Smart



www.kirklees.gov.uk/warmerhomes

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Stay warm

Knowing what support is available to you during cold weather, or making a few small changes in the home, could help you to reduce energy usage and stay warm.

Warm Home Discount

The Warm Home Discount Scheme is a one-off discount on your electricity bill, between October and March. You may be able to get the discount on your gas bill if your supplier provides you with both gas and electricity. You can qualify for the discount even if you use a pre-pay, or pay-as-you-go electricity meter.

To qualify you must get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit, or be on a low income.

www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme

Better Homes Kirklees

Improvements which may be available include standard and hard to treat wall insulation, new boilers, replacement windows and doors, new central heating systems and renewable technologies such as solar photovoltaic (PV) panels.

www.betterhomesyorkshire.co.uk/kirklees

Tel: 0808 231 3629 or 0333 121 0073

Green Doctor

Groundwork's Green Doctor help Kirklees households to stay warm, save money on bills and reduce carbon emissions.

Tel: 0808 1683547 / 0113 2380601

Email: greendoctorleeds@groundwork.org.uk

Age UK Winter home energy checks

A trusted handy person will visit your home to see how energy efficient it is and provide advice on how to keep warm and save energy. They can also supply and install simple energy efficiency devices such as draught excluders or reflective radiator panels. They can also suggest additional sources of support and provide free benefits checks.

Tel: 01484 535994

Age UK Handy person Service

The Calderdale & Kirklees Age UK Kirklees Handy person Service helps with those small but vital jobs like putting up curtain rails or fitting door chains. This service is free for Kirklees residents:

- Over 60 years and/or with a disability
- Children and young people with a disability and/or
- Individuals being discharged from hospital or intermediate care.

Please note that residents in social housing or a care home are not eligible for this free service.

Tel: 01484 535994 / 01422 252040

Email: enquiries@ageukck.org.uk



Holmfirth Transition Town – HoTT

(for people in the Holme Valley)

Help for people whose health is vulnerable to cold weather by providing draught-proofing materials and basic insulation.

We have a selection of free draught-proofing materials, and insulating curtain material at £1/meter, one-quarter of the retail price. Please email for details.

Email: info@hott.org.uk

Save money and maximise your income

Making sure you get the financial support you're entitled to can make a big difference. It's worth spending a little time to check what's available as circumstances and qualifying criteria can change over time.

BetterOff Kirklees

BetterOff is a service for people who live in Kirklees. BetterOff will show you the benefits you are entitled to and will help you to apply for them online. BetterOff also provides information on how to find and apply for jobs.

www.betteroffkirklees.org.uk

Kirklees Citizens Advice

Kirklees Citizens Advice and Law Centre could help you save money on your energy bills with advice about switching energy tariffs and suppliers, fuel debt, benefit checks and application support.

www.kcalc.org.uk

Tel: Freephone **0808 278 7896**

SCOPE – Disability Energy Support

Free energy advice to disabled people, helping to manage energy needs including energy efficiency, switching suppliers, changing your meter and energy debt.

www.scope.org.uk/disability-energy-support

MoneyHelper

MoneyHelper is part of the Money and Pension Scheme and is here to make your money and pension choices clearer. Open to everyone, MoneyHelper is helping people to clear their debts, reduce spending and make the most of their income. MoneyHelper can explain what you need to do and how you can do it. You can access information online or over the phone and face-to-face.

www.Moneyhelper.org.uk

Help with housing

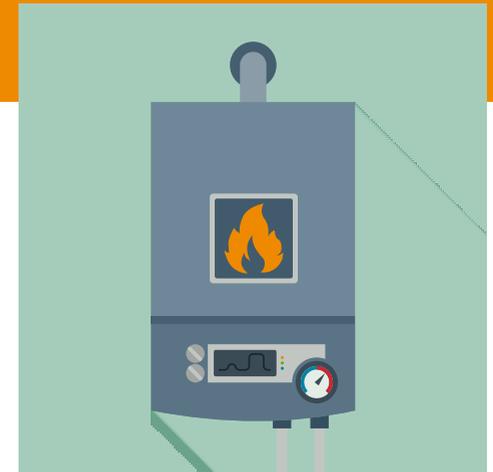
Housing Solutions Service (private rented properties)

The Housing Solutions Service can help you to find, keep and maintain an affordable home. Housing Solutions can also support you if you are living in a privately rented home and your landlord has not carried out necessary repairs, or if they do not have up-to-date safety certificates.

www.kirklees.gov.uk/housing

Tel: **01484 221350**

Email: housing.solutions@kirklees.gov.uk



Kirklees Homes and Neighbourhoods (KHN)

KHN manages council homes and tenancies. Specialist staff can provide advice about staying warm and saving energy and can also help you better understand your fuel bills, running costs and changing suppliers. They can also advise on damp and condensation issues.

Their team of advisors can help with budgeting, debt and benefits. These services are confidential and free to council tenants.

www.kirklees.gov.uk/council-housing

If you live in social housing, please contact your housing provider to see what they can offer.

Top tips for reducing energy waste in the home

Approximate annual savings†

Efficient heating control

Install a room thermostat, a programmer, and thermostatic radiator valves to efficiently control heating.

Save £70

Turn down room heating by just one degree.

Save £55

Efficient hot water usage

If your shower takes hot water straight from your boiler or hot water tank (rather than an electric shower), fit a water efficient shower head.

Save £75*

Spend just one minute less in the shower.

Save £47*

*family of four

Eliminate drafts

Draught-proof your windows, doors and any cracks in floors and skirting boards.

Save £25

You could also install a chimney draught excluder.

Save £18

Use only what you need

Only fill the kettle with the amount of water you need.

Save £6

Turn lights off when you're not using them. If you switch a light off for just a few seconds, you will save more energy than it takes for the light to start up again, regardless of the type of light.

Save £11



Lots of energy suppliers are offering households the option of having a smart meter. This is a free, simple device which shows how much gas and electricity is being used. For more information search for 'smart meter' at citizensadvice.org.uk



Efficient lighting

Replace old bulbs with LED spotlights - they are bright enough to replace halogens, as well as regular energy saving bulbs.

Save £30



Turn off at the plug

Turn appliances off at the plug rather than leaving them in standby mode.

Save £35



Efficient laundry

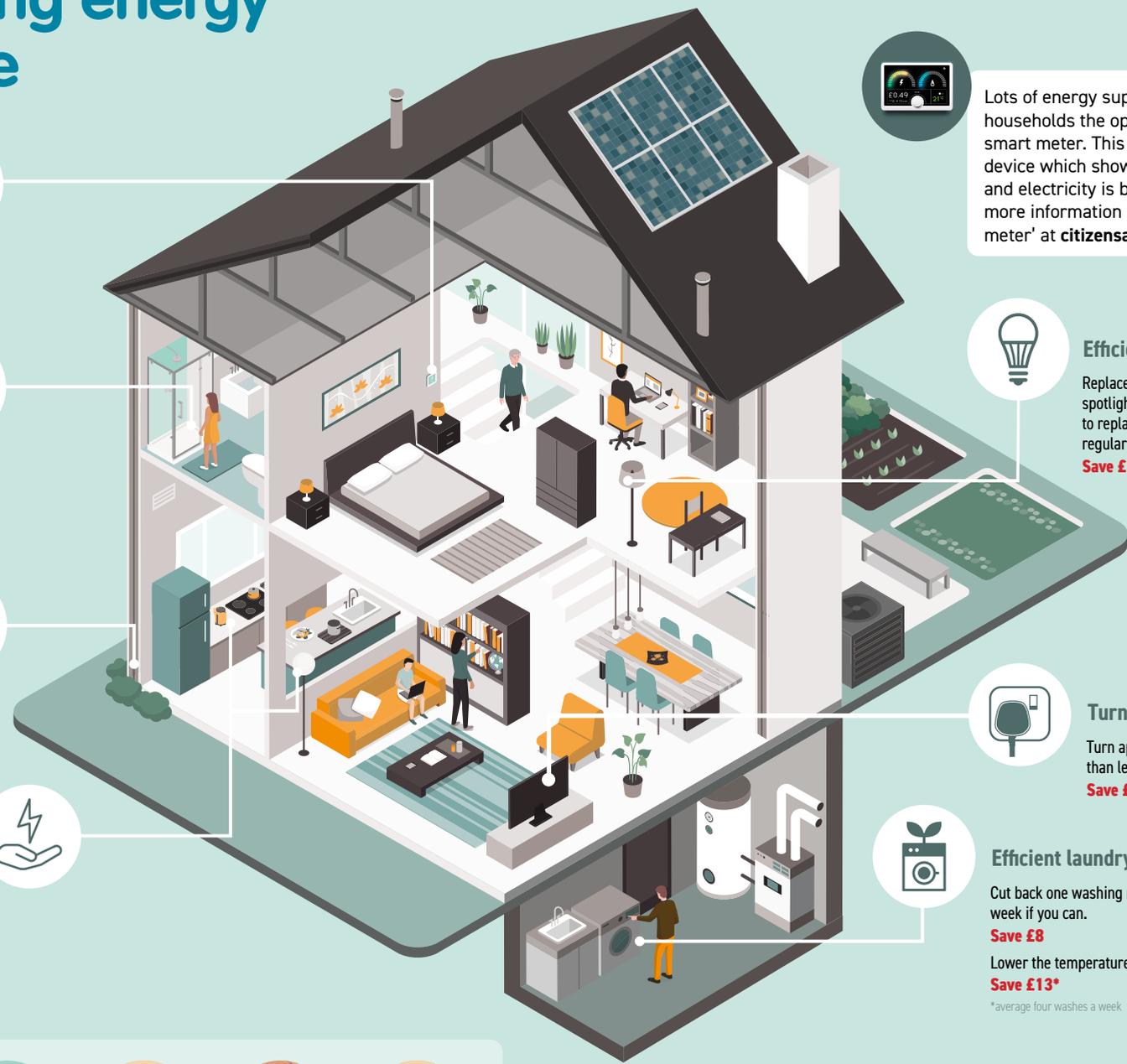
Cut back one washing machine cycle per week if you can.

Save £8

Lower the temperature - wash at 30°C.

Save £13*

*average four washes a week



Some other ways to reduce energy waste in the home



Install insulation



Upgrade your boiler



Use heavy/lined curtains



Use rugs



Close rooms that you aren't using

†Source: The Energy Saving Trust. Tel: 0800 444202. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

Kirklees Local Welfare Provision (LWP)

The LWP team can provide support to those living in Kirklees who are experiencing hardship and have an immediate need.

They can provide advice on, or referrals for:

- free school meals and school transport
- welfare benefit entitlements, including rent and mortgage payments
- local and national COVID-19 assistance schemes
- Council Tax reduction
- food parcels
- help towards energy costs
- help to get furniture and white goods
- relevant advice to alleviate longer term problems (e.g., debt advice, budgeting awareness)

Eligibility for help is discretionary and is based on an individual's circumstances at the time.

www.kirklees.gov.uk/lwp

Tel: 01484 414782

(10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays)

Email: lwp@kirklees.gov.uk