

# Energy Efficiency Advice

**Energy Efficiency in the home is key to saving money on your fuel bills. We have trained energy advisors who are here to help you save energy at home.**

## Ridgewater Energy are:

- An advice and consultancy service, which can provide free advice on home energy efficiency with 20 years of experience behind us.
- Knowledgeable of your geographical area and understand the local housing stock, for example, we can help you determine whether or not your house has cavity walls
- Able to advise you on any grants and offers, that may be available to help towards the costs of installing measures, in some cases for free.
- Can recommend suitably qualified trades people who are tried and tested to deliver high quality service and workmanship.

## Zero cost ways to save energy in the home:

- Close your curtains at dusk.
- Always use saucepan lids.
- Make sure you use the right size pan on the right size burner and use lids on your saucepans.
- Do not leave electrical items on standby.
- Turn off unwanted lighting.
- Only fill the kettle with the amount of water you need.
- Unplug electrical items.
- Turn the room thermostat down by 1 degree.
- Always use a plug (not electrical) when running water from a tap.
- Wash up in a bowl, rather than under a running tap.
- Consider switching fuel supplier, you can usually save money if you do!
- To switch – use an Ofgem accredited switching site, such as USwitch or UK Power.



**Low to medium cost ways to save energy in the home:**

- Use low energy LED light bulbs in every light fitting.
- Fit a hot water tank jacket if you have an uninsulated tank.
- Fit thermostatic radiator valves (TRV's).
- Fit a timer or passive infrared (PIR) to control outside security lighting.
- Use a thermal lining to line your curtains.
- Draught proof doors and windows and fill gaps in floorboards and around pipes.
- Fit reflective radiator panels behind radiators on external walls.



**Other ways to save energy with higher capital cost:**

- Consider a high efficiency condensing boiler when you are replacing yours.
- Buy a smart thermostat so you can control your heating more accurately.
- Insulate your home with 270mm-300mm of loft insulation.
- Install cavity wall insulation.
- If you have solid wall, then get a quote and find out how much it costs for solid wall insulation.
- Consider a renewable energy technology, such as Solar PV or Solar Thermal.



**To find out if you qualify for a grant contact Ridgewater Energy on:**

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