

**STAY
ENERGY
SAFE**

11 EASY WAYS TO CUT THE COST OF YOUR ENERGY BILLS

01 Change your bill payment method

Direct debit is around 7% cheaper than other forms of payment – it also means you don't have to worry about missing a bill.



02 Improve home insulation

It's not just about heating your home; it's about keeping the heat in! 25% of heat-loss in uninsulated homes is through the loft and 40% through windows, doors and floors. THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE COSTLY. There are loads of government grants available to you that can help you pay for home improvements.



03 Timed heating and thermostat

Put your heating and hot water on a timer so that you only use energy when it's needed, and turning your thermostat down by just one degree will cut your heating bills straight away.



04 Close curtains and blinds

As it starts to get dark outside, stop heat escaping through windows by closing your curtains or blinds.



05 Cover draughts

Cover the bottom of doors or windows to prevent any draughts.



06 Switch lights off

Switch off lights when you leave a room.



07 Use energy-saving bulbs

When light bulbs run out, replace them with energy-saving bulbs which are cheaper to run and last a lot longer.



08 Turn off electrical devices

Don't leave appliances on standby or electrical devices on charge for longer than they need.



09 Wash full loads only

Fully fill dishwashers and washing machines to reduce the number of loads.



10 Avoid tumble dryers

Dry your clothes outside or on an airer to reduce the use of your tumble dryer.



11 Fix leaky taps

Make sure your hot taps don't leak, to ensure you aren't heating water unnecessarily.

