

Easy steps to save energy and money

5% VAT
Be energy efficient



Everything you need to know about how to become energy efficient.

There are many things you can do to be more energy efficient and reduce your heating bills. Just by taking simple measures, you could see a real difference in your energy consumption. The government has recognised that the following products will help you save energy and have, therefore, limited the VAT on these products to just 5%.

Take control by fitting the following:

- Room and cylinder thermostats
- Programmable thermostats
- Programmer
- Thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs)

Also, if you have a gravity system, then consider converting to a fully pumped system.

British Gas 

Your energy experts

Q How will fitting a new room thermostat help me reduce my fuel bill?

A A room thermostat will help reduce energy waste and cut your heating bills as the thermostat will turn the heating off when the desired room temperature is reached.

Your British Gas engineer can supply and fit a programmable wireless room thermostat that will control room temperature accurately. The wireless technology means that there will be no unsightly wires running across your room. A cylinder thermostat can also be installed to control how hot your water gets.

Q Will fitting a new programmer help improve my central heating system's efficiency?

A A programmer is one of the most important parts of your central heating system, as it tells your boiler when to start running and when to stop. This will help to reduce energy waste and CO₂ emissions, as well as cut your heating bills.

Q How will converting to a fully pumped central heating system cut my heating bills?

A Fully pumped systems pump the water from your boiler to the water tank so it heats up a lot quicker – and because your boiler runs for less time it could save you money. It also allows independent control of your hot water and central heating as most old gravity systems suffer from a lack of control of the water tank, resulting in wasted energy.

Q What else can I do to be energy efficient?

A By following these simple steps, you will be able to reduce your energy bills further:

- Time your heating to go off 30 minutes before you leave the house, and come on again 30 minutes before you are due to return.
- Installing a cylinder thermostat could save you up to £20 and 110kg of CO₂ a year*.
- By installing TRVs, you could save around £10 a year and around 45kg of CO₂ a year*.
- Fitting the correct heating controls could typically save you around 17% off your heating bill. Plus, by installing a condensing boiler along with a full set of heating controls you could save as much as 40% off your heating fuel bill which could equate to around £275 a year*.

* www.energysavingtrust.org.uk