Some of the popular questions our customers have asked

Q. Will my smart energy monitor accurately reflect my energy tariff?
A. Because of the way your tariff works there will be slight fluctuations in the energy costs shown per kilowatt over the course of each quarter. This is completely normal and is explained in your existing terms and conditions.

Q. What do I do if my smart energy monitor shows the message ‘Cannot talk to meter’?
A. Don’t worry, simply move it closer to your electricity meter (not your gas meter) as this generates the signal.

Q. How do I take a reading direct from my meters?
A. You don’t need to as meter readings are automatically sent to us every day. Your electricity meter reading is shown by default. Should you wish to read your gas meter manually, press the red button marked ‘A’ to switch on the meter display and then press ‘A’ once again.

Q. How are my meter readings sent to British Gas?
A. Your meters record readings for each half hour of the day and these will be sent to us once every 24 hours automatically by SMS. We can turn these readings into useful information for you, including making sure your meter is working properly and correcting any faults. We can collect fewer readings from you if you’d prefer, just let us know.

Q. If I unplug my smart energy monitor will any data be lost?
A. No. If your smart energy monitor is unplugged it will automatically refresh the data when it is plugged in again.

For more information visit britishgas.co.uk/smarthomes
See your energy at a glance

And that’s not all

Not only does your smart energy monitor show you the cost of the energy you’re using, it also shows how much you’re using, so you can compare over different time periods. Simply scroll through the different screens to see details of the electricity and gas you’ve used – this is measured in kilowatt hours (kWh). It will also show you the carbon emissions (CO₂) your energy use has created.

Here’s our number if you have any questions:

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The controls

See the energy you’re using by fuel type; the flame symbol means you’re viewing gas and the bulb symbol means you’re viewing electricity.

See the cost of the energy you’re using. View the amount you’re spending right now, over the last week, over the last 28 days or the last year. Your current meter reading will become visible when you press this button 3 times.

Easily compare your energy use over time. The graphs show your usage whether it’s over the last week, 28 days or last year.

See your carbon emissions over different periods of time. Plus, you can press this button followed by the fuel type button to see your total emissions and how you’ve done your bit to help the planet.

Traffic lights make it easy to see how much electricity you’re using. A red light means your home’s energy usage is high. If it’s green, then it’s low.

When the blue light flashes we’ve sent you a message about your usage or bills. Simply pull down the flap and press the button under it to view.

Simply scroll through the menu buttons to change your smart energy monitor settings, set target alerts and more.