

# Save Energy Save Money!



## Top Tips.....

It's a fact that carbon dioxide emissions from our homes is one of the reasons for causing the temperature of the earth to increase. Met Office figures show that the 10 warmest years on record have all occurred since 1994. In order to contribute to the slowing down of the rise in the temperature of the earth, we all need to consider using less energy to help to reduce the levels of carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere, we will also save money! .

You can reduce your household's carbon emissions by around two tonnes, at the same time you could reduce your yearly energy bill by as much as £300, by following some simple measures...

- ✓ Turning your thermostat down by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to 10 per cent and save you around £30 per year.
- ✓ Is your water too hot? Your cylinder thermostat shouldn't need to be set higher than 60°C.
- ✓ Close your curtains at dusk to stop heat escaping through the windows.
- ✓ Always turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- ✓ Don't leave appliances on standby and remember not to leave appliances on charge unnecessarily.
- ✓ If you're not filling up the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher, use the half-load or economy programme.
- ✓ Only boil as much water as you need (but remember to cover the elements if you're using an electric kettle).
- ✓ A dripping hot water tap wastes energy and in one week wastes enough hot water to fill half a bath, so fix leaking taps and make sure they're fully turned off!
- ✓ Replace your light bulbs with energy saving recommended ones: just one can reduce your lighting costs by up to £100 over the lifetime of the bulb - and they last up to 12 times longer than ordinary light bulbs.
- ✓ Keep lids on pans when cooking.

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