



TOP TIPS home



Easy and instant tips that save money in the HOME

- 1 Don't leave appliances on standby or appliances on charge unnecessarily
- 2 Only boil as much water as you need
- 3 Turn your thermostat down by 1 degree centigrade could cut your heating bills by up to 10% and save around £30 a year
- 4 Close your curtains at dusk to stop heat escape through windows
- 5 Recycle your household waste
- 6 Always turn off lights when you leave a room
- 7 Switch to low-energy light bulbs. Just one bulb can reduce your lighting costs by up to £78 over the lifetime of the bulb, and they last 12 times longer than ordinary light bulbs
- 8 In just one day, a dripping hot water tap wastes enough water to fill a bath. Make sure they're turned off
- 9 If your not filling up a washing machine, dishwasher or tumble dryer use the half-load or economy programme
- 10 Is your hot water too hot? Your cylinder thermostat shouldn't be set higher than 60oc
- 11 Dry clothes outdoors when you can
- 12 Put on a jumper rather than turning up the heating
- 13 Foil-back your radiators to reflect heat back into the room
- 14 Do a home energy check. Go to the energy saving website, answer some simple questions about your home and you will get a free, impartial report telling you how you can save up to £250 a year on your household energy bills
- 15 Use Water butts for your rain water drainage
- 16 Use your bath water for the garden by setting up a hose siphon

17 Use environmentally friendly products that use less petrochemicals

18 Lowering your wash temperature to 30 degrees can save about 40% of energy and there's no significant reduction in cleaning performance, except for heavily soiled garments



19 Having a shower uses less energy and water than a bath

20 Defrost food in the fridge overnight, it lowers the temp of the fridge.

21 Regularly bleed radiators to make them more efficient

Some other measures that could benefit you in your home:

- Purchase 'A-rated' domestic appliances when replacements are needed
- Make sure thermostatic radiator valves are set appropriately for the occupancy of the room
- Regularly check the heating pattern of your heating programmer to ensure it matches the occupancy of your home and has not accidentally got set to constant
- Think about generating Power through renewable sources at home from the ground, sun or wind. Renewable Energy Devon will be able to advice on 0800 512 012

Switch to a green energy tariff. Info at www.greenelectricity.org

Further information:

Renewable Energy for Devon www.re4d.org

DARE (Devon Association for Renewable Energy) www.devondare.org

www.goingcarbonneutral.co.uk

www.carboncalculator.com

For price comparisons on boilers www.sedbuk.com