

Let's talk about...

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN YOUR HOME

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Chester
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Housing
Trust

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WHY IS ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPORTANT?

Energy efficiency is important because not only does it save you money on your household bills, but it can also help protect our environment.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY EFFICIENCY?

We have taken recommendations and advice from our resident Repairs Advisory Group to produce the information in this leaflet. Additionally there is an action plan in place to help us improve energy efficiency in all our properties. We also have an Affordable Warmth strategy and have gained accreditation from the Energy Efficiency Accreditation Scheme for the work we already do.

HOW CAN YOU SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY?

- Use energy efficient light bulbs – these are available free from Trust offices and last up to 12 times longer than a standard light bulb. These bulbs use a fraction of the energy used by normal bulbs and can save you almost £100 per bulb over their lifetime
- Buy a washing machine, tumble dryer, fridge freezer, fridge, cooker, microwave or dish-washer with ‘A’ energy rating on the energy efficiency label. An ‘A’ rated fridge compared to a ‘G’ rating can save you £45 a year!
- A typical UK household could save £37 per year on electricity bills if they switched off rather than leaving household appliances on standby. Some appliances still use 25% of normal power in standby mode
- Set the hot water cylinder or combination boiler at 60 degrees. This is the optimal temperature for bathing and washing
- Ensuring that your hot water cylinder has an insulation jacket correctly fitted could save you £20 per year. If you require a cylinder jacket please contact us so that we can arrange for one to be fitted
- Turn your thermostats down by one degree. This will save as much as 10% off your heating costs saving you around £40 per year. The ideal temperature is between 19 and 21 degrees
- If your property has a loft that has no insulation or insulation under 200mm in depth, please contact us as loft insulation can provide up to 30% saving on your energy bills
- If your property has a cavity wall that has not been insulated, please contact us as cavity wall insulation can provide up to 25% saving on your energy bills

Please contact us on Freephone **0808 100 7701** and ask for a member of the Property Services Team if you have queries regarding insulation.

MORE ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

- Put full loads into your washing machine or use the half-load or economy button. Set the water temperature as low as possible
- Defrost your freezer regularly and don't leave the door open any longer than necessary
- On average we fill the kettle with at least twice the required amount of water required. Taking care when you fill the kettle, you can save an average of £29.00 a year
- Use the right sized pans when cooking and putting the lids on saves electricity or gas
- An ordinary shower uses only two-fifths of the water needed for a bath. Use water butts to collect rain water from guttering. Water can then be reused for watering of plants or washing cars
- Have dripping taps fixed by calling repairs on our Freephone number, the job will be raised as routine and completed within 30 days. One dripping tap can fill a bath in one day, so you will literally be pouring money down the drain

- Buy your gas and electricity from one supplier. This could save you up to 30% on your household bills, remember to shop around for the best deal

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like more information on energy efficiency contact us, Chester & District Housing Trust, on freephone **0808 100 7701** or any of the numbers below for further information.

Energy Efficiency Trust
Advice Line
0800 512012

Scottish Power
Benefit Health Check
0800 0729009

Warm Front –
grants for benefit holders
0800 3166011

Winter Fuel Helpline
0845 9151515

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE, PLEASE CONTACT US:

Online

Web: www.cdht.org
Email: info@cdht.org

By phone

Freephone: 0808 100 7701

Lines open

Monday to Thursday
8am—6pm
Friday 8am—5pm

Fax: 01244 305690
Minicom: 01244 305500

BY VISITING US AT:

Chester —

Registered Office
Centurion House
77 Northgate Street
Chester, CH1 2HQ.
Monday to Friday
9am—4.45pm

Lache —

Neighbourhood Office
89a Cliveden Road
Lache, CH4 8DT.
Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri
9am—12pm

Blacon —

Neighbourhood Office
17—18 The Parade
Blacon, CH1 5HW.
Monday to Friday
1.30pm—4.30pm

RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT

We know it makes sense to involve our residents to help improve housing services. Here at the Trust we take every opportunity to give residents **a say!**

Interested? Find out how your views can make a change to the way we do things by contacting the Resident Involvement Team on Freephone 0808 100 7701.

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