

Saving energy in the home makes so much financial sense!

Here are some hints and tips from the Gloucestershire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre about saving money. There are many things you can do to help reduce fuel bills. Here are just a few ideas:

Fit an energy saving light bulb in lights that are left on for long periods such as a hall or children's room. They cost around £2.50 each and save around £10 in electricity costs each year, so you will very quickly recover your investment. They also last 12 times longer than normal bulbs!

Annual savings £60- £80 (average for replacing up to ten bulbs)

Turn the television and computer monitors off when they not in use. Do not leave them on standby, as they will still be using ¼ of the electricity!

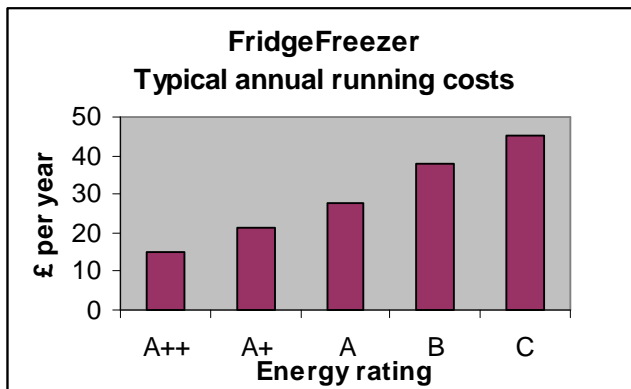
Annual savings £15- £20

Consider replacing old and worn out kitchen appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers, and tumble dryers. When doing so, look out for the 'EU Energy Label' as shown. An 'A' rated appliance may be slightly more expensive to buy but will be more economical to run over its lifetime.

Annual savings £30- £60 (depending on the appliance)

When buying a new fridge or fridge freezer go to the 'next level' and look for the 'A+' or 'A++' rated ones. The more efficient the product, the less energy it needs so it is cheaper to run.

The chart below shows that a typical A++ fridge-freezer costs less than 50% of a B rated one to run annually.



This shows that it's important to consider not only the purchase price but also the running costs when buying new appliances. For further information and details of our 'Special Promotion Scheme' on fridges and freezes please contact us at the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on FREEPHONE 0800 512 012.

You can arrange a FREE energy home visit from one of our trained energy

advisors either to answer a specific question or a general energy efficiency home visit. This takes approximately 30 minutes and can provide information on heating controls, condensation, fuel bills and switching suppliers as well as plenty of hints and tips.

We also have a range of energy efficiency fact sheets available for tenants. They can be downloaded from the tenants section of Gloucester City Homes website at:

<http://www.gloscityhomes.co.uk/Content.aspx?Um=334> or you can ring us at the

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