

Some interesting websites for you to visit

Energy Saving Trust	www.est.org.uk/check
Office of Gas & Electricity Regulation	www.ofgem.gov.uk
Boiler Efficiency Ratings	www.sedbuk.com
Heating & Hot water Industry Council	www.centralheating.co.uk
Gas Safety Watchdog	www.trustcorgi.com
Advice Bureau – fuel debt	www.nacab.org.uk
Find out the real cost of running your electric appliances	www.sust-it.net www.ukpower.co.uk
Green Tariffs	www.greenelectricity.org
Grow Your Own Energy	www.growyourownenergy.co.uk
Renewable Energy Grants	www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk
Institute of Energy Assessors DEFRA's carbon calculator	http://www.whatstheidea.net
British Photovoltaic Association	www.everybodys-talking.org/carbon_calculator
Centre for Alternative Technology	www.cat.org.uk
Biomass Energy Centre	biomassenergycentre.org.uk
British Wind Energy Association	www.bwea.com
Combined Heat and Power Association	www.chpa.co.uk
Ground Source Heat Club	www.nef.org.uk/gshp
Heat Pump Association	www.feta.co.uk/hpa
Low Carbon Buildings Programme	www.lowcarbonbuilding.org
Micro-generation Certification	www.microgenerationcertificate
National Energy Foundation	www.nef.org.uk
Renewable Power Association	www.r-e-anet/REA
The UK Heat Pump Network	www.heatpumpnet.org.uk

Saving Energy, Money and the Environment

Your guide to grants, discounts and sources of information for making your home more energy efficient

WINTER 2011/12



**NEWARK &
SHERWOOD
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Energy Agency

0800 013 1689

Prices shown for Loft and Cavity Insulation, are correct at the time of this document being published November 2011

WARM FRONT 0800 013 1689	Government grants for those on qualifying benefits. If you own your own home or rent it from a private landlord, in receipt of relevant benefits and your home has a SAP rating of less than 55 you may be eligible for a grant of up to £3,500 to pay for warm improvements' i.e. insulation and changes to your heating system (grant is £6,000 for oil central heating)
NPOWER HEALTH THROUGH WARMTH (HTW)	The scheme aims to improve quality of life for vulnerable people whose health is adversely affected by cold damp living conditions. This is achieved by facilitating the installation of appropriate insulating and heating measures. A range of funding may be accessed depending on circumstances.
HOME ENERGY CHECK 0800 013 1689	Complete our "Home Energy Check" questionnaire to receive a written report with personalised tips for saving energy and money. Complete online www.est.org.uk/check .
EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE	Ever wondered about climate change and what you could do personally to help us avoid the predicted climate chaos? Everybody's Talking is a local public awareness campaign, supported by DEFRA. For practical tips and to make a pledge visit our website www.everybodys-talking.org
RENEWABLE ENERGY MICRO-GENERATION 0800 013 1689	Homeowners, communities and developers for all types of renewable micro-generation technologies (i.e. solar photovoltaic, wind turbines, small hydro, solar thermal hot water, ground/water/air source heat pump, bio-energy, renewable CHP, micro CHP, for information visit www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk
SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS	Local firms that install solar thermal hot water systems in Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire include: SUNGAIN 0115 985 9057(www.nottenergy.com)
FEED-IN TARIFFS	From 1 st April 2010 householders and communities who install low carbon electricity technology such as solar photovoltaic will be paid for the electricity they generate. To find out more visit www.est.org.uk/Generate-your-own-energy
EBICO 0800 458 7689	Get your gas/electricity from an ethical not-for-profit company. You can offset your carbon emissions at the same time! For more information go to www.ebico.co.uk

STAY WARM (E.ON) 0845 303 3060	The Stay Warm tariff from Powergen offers fixed price gas and electricity bills. To be eligible you, or someone in your home must be over 60, your home must have 3 bedrooms or less with no more than 4 people living in your home. Your agreed tariff is reviewed annually – after 12 months your new prices will be based on the previous year's usage
SWITCHING FUEL SUPPLIERS	If you looking to switch fuel companies contact USwitch – 0800 404 7908 (www.uswitch.com) or Which – 0800 533 031 (www.which.co.uk)
COMPLAINTS ABOUT FUEL COMPANIES	If you have a complaint about your fuel supplier contact Consumer Focus – 0845 404 0506 www.consumerfocus.co.uk
NPOWER A1 FUEL SWITCHING FUND 0845 6000 337	If your primary heating fuel is either electric or coal and you are changing to more carbon friendly gas or oil alternative this is considered to be a fuel switch and you may be entitled to a grant towards this
CLEAR FUEL DEBT 0800 013 1689	There are trust funds that can help you with your energy debts but also with other household bills and costs such as telephone arrears, rent arrears, new household items, bankruptcy deposits etc. The payments are grants, not loans, and do not have to be repaid! Administered by your energy supplier, call us for more information.
HELP FOR PEOPLE OVER 60 01636 655596 0800 013 1689	The First Contact Signposting Scheme -for older people to help you to access the services you need By answering the questions on a simple checklist we will be able to find out what type of assistance you require. You will then be put in touch with the correct organisation so that they can contact you to discuss how best to help
HELP FOR 18 – 59 YEAR OLDS 01636 655596 0800 013 68901	First Contact Signposting Scheme - for people over the age of 18 to help access services for advice and information.
ENCRAFT 01926 312 159	Encraft are providers of independent, impartial, professional energy evaluations for your property. This includes detailed advice on low carbon technology options www.encraft.co.uk

All the Companies listed in this leaflet use Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency (CIGA) and British Board of Agreement (BBA, tel:01525 853300) for approved insulation installers.
Or visit www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk

Loft Insulation - can save up to £145 on annual heating bills! (~£52 for top-up only)

- The recommended thickness for loft insulation is 270mm (10.5"). Existing insulation should be topped up to this amount. A layer will need to be laid over the joists in your loft space.
- Works will usually be carried out using glass or mineral fibre insulation products but more environmentally friendly loft products such as sheep's wool are available at extra cost
- All loft insulation materials are treated with fire-retardant

Solid Wall Insulation

Warm Walls Scheme,
Sempatap Thermal Insulation, easy as wallpaper to apply.
Can help reduce the risk of Condensation and Mould on walls and floors. For More information contact Tel 0800 013 1689

Cavity Wall Insulation – can save approximately £110 on annual heating bills!

- Most houses built after 1930 will have cavity walls. New build houses will already be insulated. Please call **0800 013 1689** for advice on wall types including insulating solid walls.
- The most common material used is rock or mineral wool. The material is broken down and blown into the cavity using a specialist machine. Foam or polystyrene beads can also be used, often in unusually large/small cavities.
- All cavity insulation materials are resistant to water penetration and won't transmit water across the cavity or absorb it from below the damp course.
- Work is guaranteed for 25 years by the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency, call 01525 853300 or visit www.ciga.co.uk for more information)

Grants for Insulation Winter 2011/12

Free and discounted loft and cavity wall insulation

All companies listed over the page will insulate privately owned/rented houses (landlord's permission required).

- **All prices are quoted as a guide for a typical 3 bed semi-detached house.** The actual cost of work depends on the size and type of your property. Funding for these schemes is constantly changing and guide prices are updated regularly. For an up to date list please call us on **0800 013 1689**.
- **All companies listed will do a free survey for you.** You'll receive a quote, after which there's no obligation to proceed.
- **All companies listed will insulate your home for free if you are on qualifying benefits.**
The qualifying benefits are: (other conditions may apply)
 - Council tax benefit
 - Housing benefit
 - Income support
 - Child tax credit
 - Working tax credit
 - Income based job seekers allowance
 - State pension credit
 - Attendance allowance
 - Disability living allowance
 - Disablement pension
 - War disablement pension

Loft insulation can be a D.I.Y. job

Unfortunately you cannot get a grant for DIY work but look out for half price offers in places like B&Q, Homebase, Wicks etc

Company	Telephone	Loft	Cavity	Criteria for loft and cavity
Newark & Sherwood Warm Streets	01636 655596	From £49	From £99	Newark and Sherwood Residents Only with under 60mm (2.5ins) ex insul.
Westville	0800 454 419	£49	£99	Under 60mm (2.5ins) ex insul.
Nationwide Insulation Grants (Miller Patterson scheme)	08000 192 609	£199	£179	Under 60mm (2.5ins)
Viscount Environmental	0800 328 3739	£249	£249	Virgin lofts
Carillion Insulations	0800 317 997	£149	£149	Under 60mm (2.5 ins) ex insul.
British Gas (none customer)	0845 971 7731	£199	£199	Under 60ml (2.5 ins)ex insul.
British Gas (customers) Limited period only	0845 971 7731	FREE	FREE	Subject to survey.
EDF	0800 096 9966	£199	£199	Under 100mm (4 ins)ex insul.
Npower	0800 980 2135	£149	£149	Under 100mm (4 ins) ex insul.
E.ON	0800 479 0162	£150	£150	Top-ups.
Absolute	0800 652 3777	£69	£99	Less than 60mm (2.5ins) of existing insulation
Scottish Power	0845 601 7836	£199	£149	Existing insulation Under 50mm (2 ins)

***Prices shown are based on a 3 bed-semi Detached Property**

NEWARK & SHERWOOD WARM STREETS



Newark and Sherwood Residents only.

Starting at £49 for LOFT INSULATION and £99 FOR CAVITY INSULATION, AVAILABLE TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS

AGED 70 AND OVER ITS FREE

Excess meterage may apply subject to survey

If you are in receipt of a benefit you may qualify for free insulation provided the loft has minimal insulation and cavity walls up to 125 sq.m.

Call The Energy Agency on tel. 0800 013 1689

You can call most of the companies on this list. They will check your entitlement during a free survey.

Or you can apply for a **Warm Front Grant** (*subject to eligibility*) value of £3,500 towards heating and insulation measures, (£6,000 if your home needs oil heating)

Call 0800 013 1689

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THIS BOOKLET IS ONLY A GUIDE, WE CANNOT RECOMMEND ONE COMPANY OVER ANOTHER