

GREEN GRANTS & HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS

ENERGY BILL DISCOUNT

£400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain from this October. This automatic, non-repayable discount will be applied in six instalments between October 2022 and March 2023 to help households through winter. All households with a domestic electricity connection in Great Britain are eligible for the £400 discount. There is no need to contact energy suppliers concerning this, and households will not be asked for their bank details.

[Energy Bills Support Scheme explainer - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-bills-support-scheme-explainer)

COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS

£25 extra a week if you're getting certain benefits is available during the winter when the temperature is zero or below for more than seven days. You do not need to apply. If you're eligible for a Cold Weather Payment, you'll be paid automatically after each 7-day period of cold weather. You should receive your payment within 14 working days. If you think you should have received a Cold Weather Payment but didn't, you should contact your pension centre or Jobcentre Plus office.

[Cold Weather Payment: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cold-weather-payment-overview)

WARM HOME DISCOUNT

This autumn nearly three million low-income households are eligible for a £150 rebate on their winter electricity bills. Warm Home Discount is a one-off payment to help with the cost of energy during the winter. It's designed to make things a bit easier for those living on a low income or pension. You get the payment automatically if your electricity supplier is part of the Warm Home Discount scheme and you or your partner receive the Guarantee Credit portion of Pension Credit. One of you must be named on your bill. The money won't be paid to you directly – it'll be added as credit to your electricity account. This usually happens between October and April.

[Help with your energy bills - Help for Households](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-with-your-energy-bills-help-for-households)

WINTER FUEL PAYMENT

If you were born on or before 25 September 1956 you could get between £250 and £600 to help you pay your heating bills. This is known as a 'Winter Fuel Payment'.

The amount you'll get includes your 'pensioner cost of living payment'. This is between £150 and £300. You'll only get this extra amount in winter 2022 to 2023. This is in addition to any Cost of Living Payment you get with your benefit or tax credits.

[Winter Fuel Payment: Eligibility - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/winter-fuel-payment-eligibility)

FIND WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY IN YOUR HOME

It will be cheaper for you to install energy saving materials such as thermal insulation or solar panels with 0% VAT for the next five years, helping to improve energy efficiency in your home and keep heating bills down. If you own a property in England or Wales you can get recommendations for home improvements that could make your property cheaper to heat and keep warm. Scan the code to get your recommendations!

[Find ways to save energy in your home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-ways-to-save-energy-in-your-home)

BOILER UPGRADE SCHEME

The Boiler Upgrade Scheme supports the decarbonisation of heat in buildings. It provides upfront capital grants to support the installation of heat pumps and biomass boilers in homes and non-

domestic buildings in England and Wales. Acting on behalf of property owners, installers can apply for:

- £5000 off the cost and installation of an air source heat pump
- £5000 off the cost and installation of a biomass boiler
- £6000 off the cost and installation of a ground source heat pump, including water source heat pumps

[Boiler Upgrade Scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

LOW-EMISSIONS VEHICLES ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT

You can get a discount on the price of some brand new low-emission vehicles through a grant the government gives to vehicle dealerships and manufacturers. You do not need to do anything if you want to buy one of these vehicles - the dealer will include the value of the grant in the vehicle's price. The amount of the grant depends on which category the vehicle is in. The 8 categories are:

- wheelchair accessible vehicles
- motorcycles
- mopeds
- small vans
- large vans
- taxis
- small trucks
- large trucks

Not all low-emission vehicles will get a grant. Only vehicles that have been approved by the government are eligible for a grant.

[Low-emission vehicles eligible for a plug-in grant - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

EV CHARGEPOINT GRANT

The Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Grant for tenants and flat owner-occupiers replaces the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) and though largely similar in operation, is only open to homeowners who live in flats and people in rental accommodation. The electric vehicle chargepoint grant provides up to a 75% contribution to the cost of a home electric car charger and its installation. The grant cap is set at £350 including VAT, per installation.

[Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

WORKPLACE CHARGING SCHEME

The Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) is a voucher-based scheme that provides support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charge-points, for eligible businesses, charities and public sector organisations. Workplaces can apply for vouchers using the Workplace Charging Scheme application form below.

[Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

ECO4

ECO4 is a government energy efficiency scheme in Great Britain to tackle fuel poverty and help reduce carbon emissions. The ECO scheme means that medium and large gas and electricity suppliers are obliged to help households with energy efficiency measures such as Electric Storage

Heaters, loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, solid wall insulation, and boiler replacement or repair. If you own/rent a property that is heated with electricity and receive income-related benefits you are very likely to qualify for a government grant.

[Home - ECO4](#)

SUSTAINABLE WARMTH SCHEME

The Sustainable Warmth scheme will help you to insulate your home to make it warmer, reduce your bills and help the environment. It's a government-funded initiative, which supports local projects to fund energy-saving improvements in people's homes. The scheme is open to homeowners and private tenants in rented accommodation, with a low annual income, and where the home has a low energy rating.

[Sustainable Warmth Grant Scheme Application Form \(est.org.uk\)](#)

SMART EXPORT GUARANTEE

The SEG requires some electricity suppliers to pay small-scale generators for low-carbon electricity that they export back to the grid. Domestic households which have their own power generated by Solar PV, wind, micro combined heat and power (micro-CHP), hydro or anaerobic digestion (AD) could benefit.

[Smart Export Guarantee \(SEG\) | Ofgem](#)