



# As fuel price rises hit double figures, what can you do to keep warm this winter?

## Fuel Poverty and Affordable Warmth in Sheffield

### What is Fuel poverty?

A household is in 'fuel poverty' if they need to spend at least 10% of their total household income on fuel to keep their home adequately warm.

Sheffield City Council works with other agencies throughout the city to promote awareness of fuel poverty and affordable warmth. The Council's Sustainable Housing & Affordable Warmth (SHAW) team offers support to people living in privately owned and privately rented housing, particularly in vulnerable households, so that they can lift themselves out of fuel poverty. It achieves this by providing referrals to grants and discount schemes to improve heating, insulation and draught proofing in the home and by providing information and advice on a range of topics from energy efficiency to reducing fuel bills.

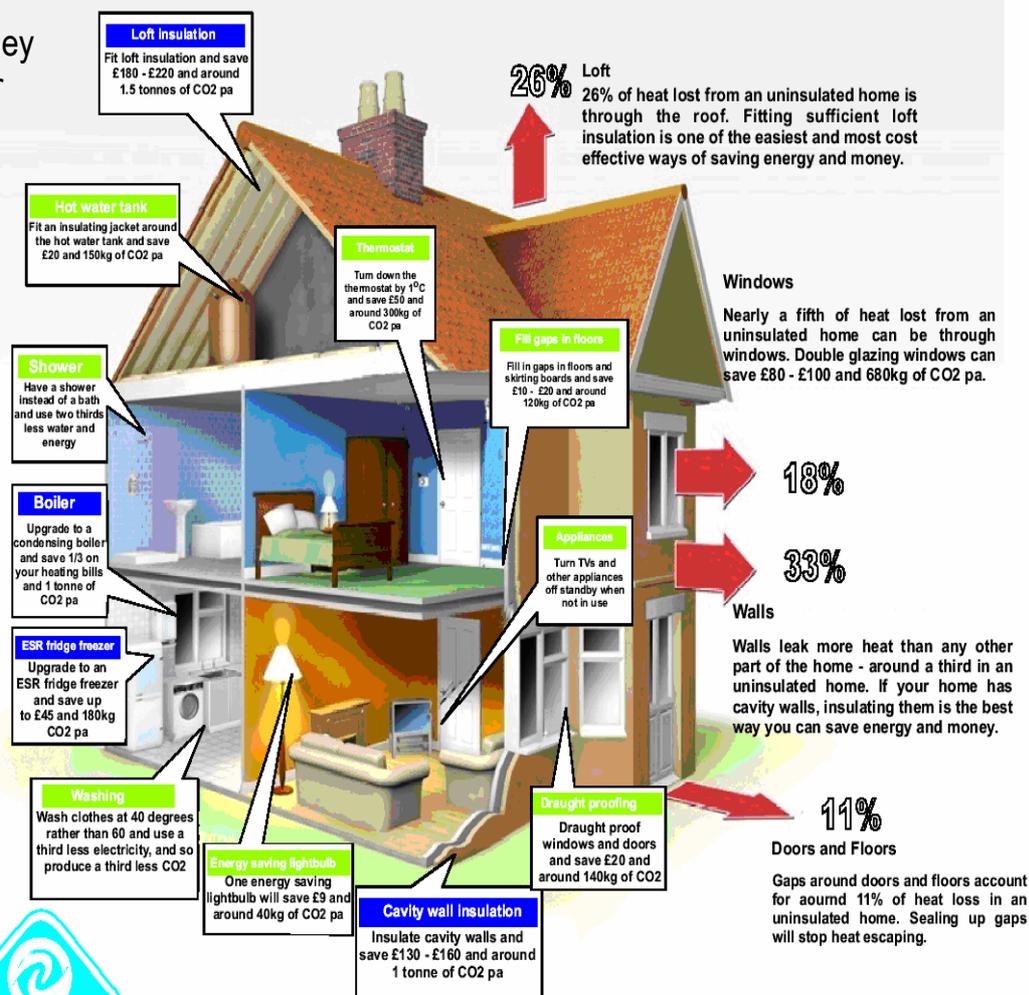
### Warm Front Grants

If you are a homeowner or you rent from a private landlord, and you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, you could receive a grant of up to £2,700 for insulation and heating improvements from Warm Front. Warm Front is a government-funded scheme, managed by EAGA Partnerships, which provides grants to make your home warmer, healthier and more efficient.

### Free loft and cavity wall insulation for people over 70!

Home-owners and private tenants aged 70 or over are eligible to receive free insulation if their house requires it.

## How energy efficient is your home?



ESR The Energy Saving Recommended (ESR) logo appears on goods that will cost you less to run than older, energy guzzling ones.

KEY	
	Grants and advice available through ESR
	No-cost of low-cost

### Discount insulation for home-owners and private tenants

Even if you receive no benefits and are under 70 there are schemes which offer to install roof and cavity wall insulation at significantly reduced cost.

Arrangements for Council tenants and housing association tenants are different, and energy efficiency improvements may be carried out as part of major works programmes. Those interested in energy efficiency measures should contact their usual housing office.

Find out more about these grants and discounts, and all aspects of affordable warmth from Sheffield City Council's Sustainable Housing & Affordable Warmth (SHAW) team on Tel 0114 2736294, email them at [shawteam@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:shawteam@sheffield.gov.uk), or see [www.sheffield.gov.uk/greenhomes](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/greenhomes)





# SAVING ELECTRICITY AT HOME

**Five things that cost you nothing but can save a lot**

**Try these at home and save £100\* a year**

## KITCHEN

When you make a drink, only put as much water in the electric kettle as you need. It will boil quicker and save energy.



Energy Fact  
Boiling one cup of water instead of a full kettle 5 times a day can save £30 a year. (£6.5m for Sheffield)

*If everyone in Sheffield did these it would save £21m a year*

## LIVING ROOM

When you're not watching television, switch it off at the set or the wall, not the remote.



Energy Fact  
A television left on standby can use more electricity when it's off than when it's on. Switching it off can save up to £11 a year for each set you have. (£2.25m for Sheffield)

## ALL ROOMS

Switch the lights off when you leave a room.



Energy Fact  
Each 60W light bulb that's left on for 4 hours a day will waste £9 a year. (£2m for Sheffield)

## STUDY

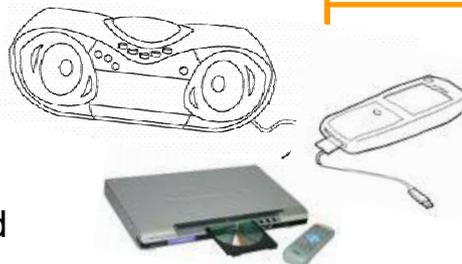
If you're not using your computer for a while, switch it off. It only takes a few seconds to come back on when you want it again.



Energy Fact  
A 17" CRT monitor left in sleep mode for 8 hours a day when it could be switched off wastes £9 a year. (£2m for Sheffield)

## BEDROOM

In a teenager's room a computer, games console, television, battery and mobile phone chargers, video/dvd, cd player and modem could be using around 75W just on standby.



Energy Fact  
Switching these off instead of leaving them on standby for 15 hours a day could save you £41 a year. (£8.75m for Sheffield)

### Switch it off

\* These figures are based on typical equipment found in homes; some products are more efficient

is a joint energy saving campaign by Sheffield's East End Quality of Life Initiative, Darnall Forum and Tinsley Forum

