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AFFORDABLE WINTER

How can I affordably heat my home this winter?

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What is affordable warmth?

Affordable warmth means being able to heat your home within your financial capabilities. However, with rising energy costs and inefficient homes, this is not always easily achievable.

HOW CAN I ENSURE MY HOME IS AFFORDABLY WARM?

Firstly, check if you are eligible for affordable warmth efficiency measures, using grants from the Energy Company Obligation scheme (ECO) for home improvements. You are eligible if:

1. You receive certain benefits from the government
2. Live in social housing, which has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of E, F, or G

This could qualify your home for a new boiler, cavity wall insulation, or roof insulation (where applicable).

Green Homes Grant for Home Owners

Under the ECO scheme, the government will provide a voucher worth up to £5,000 or £10,000 for energy efficient improvements. This includes insulations, heat pumps, and double glazing. You can find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>

Ask your Housing Association to get in touch with Monarch Partnership if your home needs insulation. We have some tips for affordable warmth!



3 million

households live in fuel poverty.
That's 1 in 8 households.



Quick and easy steps?

Is your roof insulated?

You can lose 25% of your home's heat through the roof. Insulating a mid-terraced loft could save £120 per year on energy and 490kg of CO₂ approximately.

Do you avoid the corners and walls of your house because of the cold?

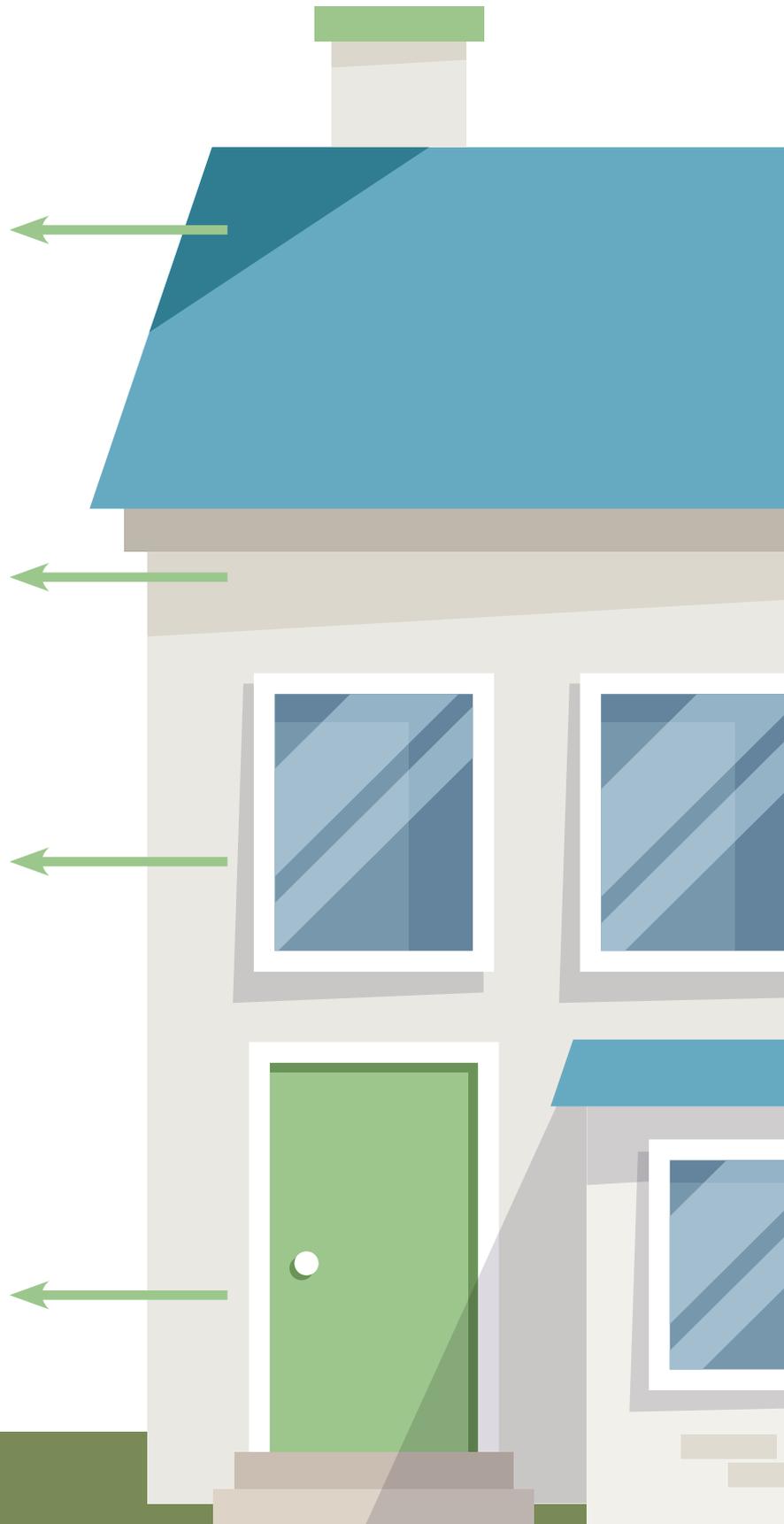
Heat efficiency in new builds is triple that of the 1960s, as many homes built prior to that lack sufficient insulation. If your property qualifies, Monarch Partnership can arrange the works with our supplier.

Are your windows only single glazed and can't afford double glazing?

Secondary window glazing film packs from Amazon cost as little as £10.

How many cracks between doors and windows lead to draughts in your house?

If your budget permits, install draught excluders (YouTube has plenty of easy guides) and ensure curtains are blackout/ thermal to block heat loss. Otherwise rolling towels below door cracks to seal can reduce heat loss.



Heating and Insulation

Insulation

1 Firstly, how insulated is your body?

Are you wearing socks, long-sleeved clothing and a jumper? Often another layer can prevent the need to turn on the heating.

2 When do you shut your curtains and close your windows?

Don't wait until it is dark and cold outside to close your curtains and shut windows. Ensure curtains are shut before dusk to retain heat, and don't open windows whilst the heating is on.

3 Do your roof and walls have any insulation?

Domestic homes may apply for free cavity wall insulation or roof insulation. Make use of government grants on offer, especially when it will save you money! Get in touch to find out how we can help you take action.

4 Can you see your radiator/heating appliance?

If you can't see it, it is likely only a fraction of the warmth is going to reach you. Hanging clothes and placing furniture in front of your heat sources means your clothes and furniture will be absorbing that heat rather than you, so make sure you can see your heating source.

Heating

1 How high is your thermostat?

Turning down the thermostat by 1 °C could save £85-£90 and 350-360kg of carbon dioxide every year. Every 1 °C above 19 °C costs around 10% extra on heating.

2 Are your radiators cold at the top and warmer at the bottom?

Try "bleeding" your radiators to ensure the flow of hot water is circulating properly to heat up the home. Also, in lesser-used rooms, turn down the radiator to save heating an empty room.

3 How much hot water are you using?

Not only do you pay for your water, you pay to heat it too. When washing your clothes, turn it down to a 30 °C or 40 °C wash. Use a washing up bowl in the kitchen sink for those dirty dishes - which could save you £25 a year.

4 Is your heating on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

Using the timer on the thermostat will ensure you aren't being charged to heat your home when you aren't there to enjoy the warmth!



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