

# Whalley Range Climate Action Group



## Keeping warm and reducing bills this winter

**Reduce your bills and get financial support to help pay them. Get help to insulate your home to reduce future bills even more.**

## HOW TO REDUCE YOUR BILL NOW; quick tips to save money

1. Close your curtains when it gets dark. This keeps heat inside the room.
2. Check for draughts and block them up.
3. Use the timer on your central heating system so that heating and hot water only come on when you really need it.
4. Reduce the thermostat temperature to 60oC (140oF) in hot water tanks.
5. Turn off all lights in rooms as you leave them.
6. Use energy-saving (LED) light bulbs.
7. Appliances on standby use up fuel. Turn them off at the sockets.
8. One full load of washing/washing up/drying uses less energy than two half loads, so fill machines before using them.
9. Only boil as much water in the kettle as you need. Store any extra hot water in a thermos or use for a hot water bottle.
10. Turn taps off properly. In a single week, a dripping hot tap can waste enough hot water to half fill a bath.
11. Dry your clothes outside during dry weather.
12. Cook more efficiently, see - [manchestercommunitycentral.org/news/cracking-good-food-low-fuel-food-guide](https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/news/cracking-good-food-low-fuel-food-guide)

## Quick insulation measures

1. Draught-proof windows and doors: any gaps around doors, chimneys, floors or windows waste heat and energy. Block up the gaps.
2. Insulate as much as possible especially your hot water cylinder, water tank, pipes and radiators.

Find more information here -

[energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy/](https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy/)

[ofgem.gov.uk/information-consumers/energy-advice-households/find-schemes-grants-and-benefits-help-home-energy](https://ofgem.gov.uk/information-consumers/energy-advice-households/find-schemes-grants-and-benefits-help-home-energy)

## GET EXTRA MONEY TO HELP YOUR BILL NOW

*Some payments will come automatically; others you have to apply for.*

**Energy Bills Support Scheme;** Every household should get £400 energy discount from the government. **You don't have to do anything to benefit from it**, but if you are unsure about how it will affect your bills, contact your energy provider.

**Warm Home Discount Scheme;** If you get benefits, you might be able to get £150 off your electricity bill or £150 added to your prepayment meter. **You don't need to apply for the scheme** - payments are automatic. You only get the discount if your supplier is in the scheme and you were with them on 21st august 2022, so check that information.