

## Reducing your fuel bills

- It is usually cheaper to have your gas and electricity with the same supplier and pay by direct debit. Pre-payment meters can cost you more!
- Set up your direct debit for your Universal Credit or work pay day along with your rent & Council Tax!
- Always check your own meter readings and give to your supplier. **Always take meter readings when you move into a new property.**

## Warm Home Discount Scheme

Ask your supplier about the **Warm Home Discount Scheme** if you receive benefits or are vulnerable (e.g. due to health difficulties) - you could get extra money.

Ask about the **prepayment or vulnerable customer price cap!**

## Trust Funds/Grants

Some suppliers offer grants to help pay off arrears and/or purchase an important item e.g. cooker, washing machine. Ask your provider or try **www.charisgrants.com / 01733 421021 for more information.**

## Winter Fuel Payment Helpline 0800 731 0160

If you are over state pension age you may be entitled to this payment of between £100 and £300 each year. If you do not receive it, phone them for advice.

## Energy saving advice

[www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk](http://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk) or 0800 444 202 / [www.cse.org.uk](http://www.cse.org.uk) for lots of useful advice & tips

## Switching supplier to get the best deal

You can register for bulk switching with other customers. This is where energy suppliers bid for your custom & you get the best offer. Take a look at: <https://bigcommunityswitch.co.uk>

If you want to find your own deal, you can use one of the Ofgem accredited comparison sites on <http://www.goenergysshopping.co.uk/en-gb/help/comparison-sites>  
An example is [www.uswitch.com](http://www.uswitch.com)

**For more info & advice on energy costs call LEAP (Local Energy Advice Partnership) on 0800 060 7567 (Mon-Fri 9-5.30) or look at [www.applyforleap.org.uk/](http://www.applyforleap.org.uk/)**