

SAVE ENERGY WITH SOME BANK HOLIDAY DIY

Dust off your toolbox this Bank Holiday!¹, says the UK's only-not-for-profit energy supplier – Ebico. While the last thing you want to think about is keeping your home warm when the weather's finally hotting up, the fact that Briton's waste half a billion pounds a year through poorly insulated homes should provide a great incentive to plan ahead for the colder months.

Getting to grips with some relatively simple energy-saving home improvements - such as insulating the loft and floors - and could save the average home hundreds of pounds a year.

To help make DIY pay this Bank Holiday Ebico advises householders to:

- Insulate the loft with blankets known as 'quilts'. This is a simple DIY job that can rake in savings of up to £150 per year.
- Insulate timber floors by lifting the floorboards and laying mineral wool insulation supported by netting between the joists. This will save about £50 a year for ground floor insulation.
- Use a regular tube sealant, such as silicon, to fill gaps between floorboards and skirtings to stop draughts. This will save about £20 per year.
- Insulate tanks with cylinder jackets and protect pipes with insulating material to reduce the amount of heat that escapes. This will save approximately £35 per year.
- Seal badly fitting doors and windows with draught proofing strips or draught excluders. This can save up to £25 per year.
- Put silver foil behind radiators fixed to external walls. This will reflect the heat back into the room and could save up to £20 a year.

¹ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/businessandecology/energyefficiency/7370718/Poor-insulation-cost-British-households-500m-last-year.html>



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said: "DIY is not everyone's idea of fun on a Bank Holiday weekend. Our hands, draught-proofing your home is a simple and worthwhile investment you'll be glad of when the oh-too-short summer comes to an end.

"There are many things that you can do to conserve energy in the home and many of them, such as putting foil behind radiators won't take long or cost much. However, they all add up and can help you to take control of your energy bills and reduce your carbon footprint."

For more energy saving advice, log on to www.ebico.co.uk

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