

ACT ON ENERGY

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A local government backed non-profit organisation promoting and encouraging energy efficiency in the home by providing free and impartial advice to householders.



Renewing your central heating

Today's boilers not only look better than their predecessors but they also use less fuel to produce the same amount of heat. Replacing a 15 year old boiler could **save you over 30%** on your fuel bills and **up to 40% if you install the right controls**. All boilers, like white goods, are energy rated according to their efficiency with "A" being the most efficient. Building Regulations now require that all new or replacement boilers must be A or B rated. If in doubt you can check the energy rating of your boiler by logging on to:- www.boilers.org.uk.

Stay in control of your heating

A boiler will only be as efficient as the system it is heating. If you are replacing your boiler or installing a new system, it must conform with current Building Regulations, which means fitting a programmer/timer, thermostatic radiator valves on bedroom radiators, a room thermostat, insulating all the pipe-work and the hot water tank should have 35mm thick foam insulation. Your installer should ensure you have the right controls and shows you how to work it efficiently.

Renewable Energy systems

There are many types of renewable energy systems suitable for homes ranging from solar water heating to ground source heat pumps. These are particularly useful if you don't have access to mains gas as a fuel and all of these are becoming more widely used, particularly by local councils and housing associations who appreciate that an investment now will mean reduced energy bills for their tenants in the long term. However, they do need to be appropriate for the situation and so expert advice is needed and installed by contractors who are experienced in the chosen technology.

Tips for finding an installer

If you are looking for a heating engineer to carry out central heating work there are a number of tips, which you can follow:

- Ask friends, family and neighbours if they can recommend an installer. Good local knowledge is always more reliable.
- Look for installers who are members of professional trade bodies such as Institute of Plumbing (I of P), Heating and Ventilating Contractors Association (HVCA) or Institute of Domestic Heating and Environmental Engineers (IDHE).
- If you are thinking of solar heating see if the installer is listed on www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk or you can't apply for a Government grant.
- Get written quotes from at least three contractors and ensure each quote is itemised so you can compare like with like.
- Any work carried out on a gas appliance, must be carried out by a CORGI registered engineer. You can check Corgi registration on-line at www.corgi-gas.co.uk or by calling them on 01256 372300.
- Ask questions and make sure that you satisfy yourself that the advice given is appropriate for your needs. The Central Heating Information Council provides independent advice on central heating systems and can be contacted on 0845 600 2200. Alternatively, visit their website: www.centralheating.co.uk

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Heating and Renewable Energy Contractors

Warwickshire	Area	Tel No.
1 Stop (Rugby) Ltd	Rugby	01788 560947
Colin Cooper (Stratford upon Avon) Ltd.	Cov. Warks & Worcs	01789 266425
Custom Heat Ltd	Cov., Mid Warks	01788 568752
Gerry Gregory & Son**	Cov. & Warks	01788 810953
Hancock & Brown** (ST)	Mid Warks	01676 534158
Magna Heating Ltd	Cov. & Warks	01926 419922
Rockwarm Insulation Ltd (ST)	Cov, Warks, Worcs	0800 132 689
Sterland & Elgar** (ST)	Warks & Worcs	01608 663341
T.J. Hinton Heating & Plumbing**	Stratford	01789 298885

Coventry

B. Calcott Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	Cov. & Mid Warks	024 7644 7545
Bob Mansfield Heating & Plumbing Ltd.	Cov., Mid & Sth.Warks	024 7667 5349
Solutions Renewable Energy (ST)	Cov, Warks, Worcs	024 7669 2345

Worcestershire

Bredondale Solar (ST)	Cov, Warks, Worcs	01386 561133
Domestic & General Insulation Ltd.** (ST)	Warks & Worcs	0870 122 0059
Ecoplumb** (ST)	Worcs.	01905 831450
Eco ₂ solar Ltd (ST) (SPv)	Cov, Warks, Worcs	01562 745265
Heating Maintenance Services Ltd.	Sth & Mid. Worcs.	01684 892877
Mark Group (ST) (WT)	Cov, Warks, Worcs	0800 616 302
Southern Solar (ST) (SP)	Cov, Warks, Worcs	0845 373 2750

The above contractors are CORGI registered for gas. ** also OFTEC registered for oil.
Contractors providing renewable energy services- ST- Solar Thermal, SPv- Solar Photovoltaic WT- Wind Turbine

Insulation Contractors

Domestic & General Insulation Ltd.	Cov., Warks & Worcs	0870 122 0059
Heatsavers Insulation Ltd.	Cov., Warks & Worcs.	0800 585437
Mark Insulations Ltd.	Cov., Warks & Worcs	0800 616 302
EAGA Group Limited	Cov., Warks & Worcs	0800 317997
Rockwarm Insulation Ltd.	Cov. & Warks	0800 132 689
Miller Pattison Ltd	Cov. & Warks	0800 564 456

The Energy Efficiency Advice Centre has collated this list of installers for your convenience and independently of the Energy Savings Trust. It has been checked that these installers are members of the relevant trade bodies. However the Act on Energy cannot take responsibility for the installer's workmanship or any advice they may give.
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