



### ENERGY SAVERS TIPS



Here are a few tips to help you save some energy and money!!

- **Travel Wise:** Consider purchasing a Hybrid or a fuel efficient vehicle next time. Hybrids reduce your carbon footprint and bring you savings with lower car tax and increased fuel efficiency.
- **Shrink your bills, not your clothes:** 90% of a washing machine's energy expenditure is spent on heating the water, so if you wash your clothes at 30-40°C you're making significant savings. Carefully select the load size; try to wash in bulk and not small loads frequently. Dry your washing naturally, keep electric tumble dryer usage to a minimum.

### WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?



Our carbon footprint measures how much CO<sub>2</sub> we as individuals produce by, for example, using energy in our homes and when we travel. A carbon footprint is an excellent way of **assessing our impact on the environment**.

We can measure this by calculating our carbon number. Let's tackle climate change by reducing our carbon number. Several websites provide a **Carbon Calculator**:

- <http://www.carbonfootprint.com/individuals.html>
- <http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>
- <http://www.nature.org/greenliving/carboncalculator/>
- <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>



### ඉහළ UPCOMING EVENTS කල

- ◆ **June 13-17: EU Sustainable Energy Week.**  
⇒ <http://eusew.eu>
- ◆ The \*LCEA\* will hold **Low Carbon Transition Workshops** in Clare & Limerick during EU Sustainable Energy Week. Dates/Locations will be posted on our website at a later date:  
⇒ <http://www.lcea.ie>



### How Can I Lower My Carbon Number?



We can all make some positive changes to the way we live, work and travel, for instance:

- ❖ **Transport:** Walk, cycle or take the bus- it uses less energy than going by car.
- ❖ **Water conservation:** we can all save a significant amount of water by making small changes to the way we use water in our homes and by repairing leaks.
- ❖ Choose **Energy Efficient Products** such as light bulbs and appliances with an A energy label- they do the same job using less energy.
- ❖ **Energy Conservation:** Don't waste energy; switch things like lights and TVs off when they are not in use.
- ❖ Reduce, reuse and recycle as much as you can!
- ❖ Consider your **Purchase Choices**; food, cosmetics, etc. – the required delivery distance, how they are made and packaged. Opt for locally produced, environmentally friendly products.

**Go on a carbon diet!** Strive to use less energy and less CO<sub>2</sub> in your everyday life.

### HOUSEHOLD GRANTS



Grants are available to homeowners from the **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)** to improve your home's energy efficiency:

- **Better Energy Homes Grant** (see overleaf for details on this scheme ⇒)
- **Better Energy Warmer Homes Grant**   
Available to Low Income Households receiving Fuel Allowance. Free energy efficiency works include: Attic insulation, draught proofing, lagging jackets, cavity wall insulation, low energy light bulbs and energy advice.



### HOME RENOVATION INCENTIVE (HRI)

- The HRI scheme enables homeowners to **claim tax relief on repairs, renovations or improvement work** that is carried out on their main home and that is subject to **13.5% VAT**.
- The **minimum credit is €595**, based on the minimum qualifying expenditure of €4,405 (before VAT). The **maximum is €4,050**, based on the maximum €30,000. Claiming a grant simultaneously for the works reduces the HRI amount you will receive.
- Homeowners can claim for any **accumulated works carried out** at various periods **between 25 October 2013 and 31 December 2016**.
- <http://www.revenue.ie/en/tax/it/reliefs/hri.index.html>



# Better Energy Homeowner Grants

More comfortable homes. Lower energy bills.

## Better Energy Homes Programme

Better Energy Homes is a Government programme which gives fixed cash grants for insulation and heating system upgrades, helping to make your home more comfortable and cheaper to run. It is available to all owners of homes built before 2006.

We are offering higher grants and cash bonuses if you carry out 3 or 4 measures. The grants are also open to previous applicants who wish to get additional works done.

## What grants are available?

Energy Efficient Works		Grant Value
Insulation	Attic	€300
	Wall - Cavity	€300
	Wall - Internal Dry Lining	
	Apartment (any) <u>or</u> Mid-terrace House	€1,200
	Semi-detached <u>or</u> End of Terrace	€1,800
	Detached House	€2,400
	Wall - External	
	Apartment (any) <u>or</u> Mid-terrace House	€2,250
	Semi-detached <u>or</u> End of Terrace	€3,400
	Detached House	€4,500
Heating System	Heating Controls with Boiler (Oil or Gas) Upgrade	€700
	Heating Controls Upgrade only	€600
	Solar Heating	€1,200
Bonus Grant	For 3 <sup>rd</sup> measure	€300
	For 4 <sup>th</sup> measure	€100
Building Energy Rating (BER)		€50

All applicants must carry out a Building Energy Rating (BER) on completion of works. A BER grant is only payable once as part of a works grant.

## How to apply?

Grant approval must be in place before works commence. For your application you will need:

- Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN) which you will find on your electricity bill
- Bank details
- E-mail address
- Chosen registered contractor from the SEAI Registered Contractor List

Please read the Application Guide & our Terms and Conditions on our website.

## Apply Now

For a speedy application and immediate approval, apply online at [www.seai.ie/betterenergyhomes](http://www.seai.ie/betterenergyhomes)

Or call us for a postal application form on **1850 927 000**.

## Choosing a Contractor

Before choosing a contractor from the SEAI registered list:

- Talk to friends, family, or neighbours who may have done works recently
- Shop around, get multiple quotes and compare the offers
- Check references, talk to previous customers, visit their homes if you can
- Formalise the relationship by having a contract which details the works, prices, time, payment terms and warranties.

Over 335,000 homeowners have already received SEAI grants. By upgrading your home, you're making it warmer and more cosy and you're cutting your heating bill by up to 50%. You're also doing your bit to prevent climate change.



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