

Easy and low-cost ways to reduce draughts include:

1. Close the doors of rooms you don't use.
2. Close curtains and blinds at dusk, even in rooms you're not using.
3. If you have long curtains over a radiator, shorten the curtains or tuck the curtains behind the radiator (so as not to heat the window).
4. Put foil behind your radiators to reflect the heat back into the room.
5. Prevent draughts through letter boxes by fitting a cover/brush, and through keyholes by fitting a keyhole cover.
6. Use a door stop draught excluder.

Other things to consider

1. Hang a curtain over external doors.
2. Add thermal liners to curtains.
3. Flush out radiators that aren't working properly.
4. Draught proof doors by fitting draught seals.
5. Lag hot water tanks and water pipes.
6. Upgrade windows with secondary glazing film that tightens over the pane when heated with a hairdryer, or install magnetic-strip secondary glazing.
7. Insulate your loft hatch.
8. Insulate your loft or top up the existing insulation. It should be a minimum 270mm.

More expensive options

1. Upgrade your windows to double or triple glazing.
2. Install or top up cavity wall insulation.
3. Install solid wall insulation if your property was built before the 1920s.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Warm Homes Grant

Grants to help insulate and make your property more energy efficient are available if you're a home owner or private tenant **without mains gas central heating** and:

- the total gross income (from all sources excluding some benefits) of everyone in the property is under £36,000
- if your home has an EPC rating of D, E, F or G.

Landlords whose tenants qualify for support can receive up to two-thirds subsidy of costs for improvement work, if they own fewer than five rental properties

<https://www.warmhomessuffolk.org/>

Connected for Warmth

Householder advice from Yaxley

Fully funded energy efficiency measures for eligible homes that can benefit from the grant funding available.

<https://www.connectedforwarmth.org.uk/>

Improving energy efficiency

Groundwork East (a federation of charities) is offering householders free advice about improving insulation, glazing, heating controls and about renewable energy installations- solar, heat pumps or and other changes, tailored to your type of property.

You can either complete this short survey

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/nG5aQAeviB> or call them on 01473 350370.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Advice on reducing home heat loss: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>

Advice on insulation, energy bills, using heating controls, smart meters, boilers, heat pumps, solar panels, keeping warm at home, meters, heaters and more:

<https://www.cse.org.uk/my-home/>