

# **Your Service Family Accommodation**

Saving energy, money and the environment

Saving energy is not only good for the environment; it also saves you money. DIO Ops Accommodation has invested in improving the energy efficiency of thousands of Service Family Accommodation (SFA) properties in the last few years; including installing energy efficient boilers, improving loft insulation and adding insulated exterior cladding. As you don't own your SFA property, you can't make major energy efficiency home improvements yourself. However, you can still do a lot yourself to save energy. Follow these simple tips to ensure you aren't wasting energy - and more importantly money.

#### LOFT INSULATION

For safety reasons you should not access the loft to store personal possessions; and to ensure that you do not damage your loft insulation.

#### **ENERGY SUPPLY**

Where you are able, shop around to find the best energy deals. The latest deals can be found on comparison websites.

To save money, get your gas and electricity from the same supplier, and pay by direct debit.

#### **BEDROOMS**

Close bedroom doors in the early evening so heat can build up a little within the rooms before you go to bed.

It is often more comfortable to have your bedroom temperature slightly lower than the rest of the house.

#### **RETAINING HEAT**

Open your curtains and blinds during the day to maximise the amount of sunlight to heat up your home.

Close them again to retain that heat as it starts to get dark.



#### **WASHING AND DRYING**

Use a lower heat setting for washing your clothes; filling the washing machine up or using the half load function (if available).



When weather permits, dry your clothes outside instead of using a tumble dryer.

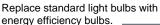
### **HEATING**

Turn your heating thermostat down a little, while staying warm and comfortable.

It may look nice but only use your gas or electric fire for short periods of time - your radiators are a far more energy efficient way of heating your home.

### ELECTRICITY

Switch off appliances and lights in rooms you aren't using.



Don't leave phone chargers and other equipment plugged in.



# Should I leave the heating on all day in cold weather?

In cold weather you should always leave your heating on with the thermostat set at least to 15°C, or equivalent, to avoid extremes of temperature and ensure your home is fully protected from the cold over the winter period – this applies even if you are away. You can then turn the heat up as and when required for comfort.

# Think energy saving

- Look out for information about energy efficiency when buying new appliances and technology – and make that part of the decision making process.
- Replace light bulbs with energy efficient ones.
- Take the energy test on the In Your Home page of www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
- Encourage everyone in the house to be aware of energy consumption including any children. They may respond to incentives or if saving energy is fun.

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