

# Energy Prices Rocket

With energy bills<sup>1</sup> on the increase<sup>2</sup> the world over, Steve Sibbald takes a look at the bigger picture and finds out just why families are having to tighten their belts<sup>3</sup>.

s governments across the globe battle to get their economies back on track<sup>4</sup> following the recent pandemic, news of fierce<sup>5</sup> price hikes in energy prices have been making the headlines<sup>6</sup>.

While exact figures differ from nation to nation, what is clear is that the majority<sup>7</sup> of households<sup>8</sup> and those forking out<sup>9</sup> on electricity and gas bills are set to be hit hard in the pocket<sup>10</sup>. Estimates<sup>11</sup> state that France and Germany could witness<sup>12</sup> increases of around 11.5 percent, while in Italy the figure may be closer to 14 percent.

Regardless of<sup>13</sup> location, it's clear that prices are rising considerably<sup>14</sup> and everyone is facing a harsh<sup>15</sup> hike in their bills. And, as experts have warned, like the majority<sup>16</sup> of commodities<sup>17</sup> or products which rise in price, there is little chance of bills reducing any time in the foreseeable future<sup>18</sup>.

## Staggering Stats

In the UK, some reports are suggesting bills may rise by a whopping<sup>19</sup> 30 percent.

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