

Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme Fact Sheet

What is the Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme?

Homeowners and landlords in England can apply for a voucher towards the cost of installing energy efficient and low-carbon heating improvements to homes, which could help save up to £600 a year on energy bills.

How much is the voucher worth?

All Homeowners and landlords in England are eligible for £5,000 to cover two-thirds of the cost of qualifying improvements.

If you are a homeowner and either you or a member of your household receive one of the qualifying benefits, you may be able to receive a £10,000 voucher covering 100% of the cost of improvements. Landlords cannot apply for the low-income part of the scheme.

The voucher covers costs for labour, materials, and VAT. Additional works will be covered by the voucher if they are necessary for the installation of measures.

Am I eligible to receive a voucher?

You may be eligible if you live in England and:

- you own your own home (including long-leaseholders and shared ownership)
- you own your own park home on a residential site (including Gypsy and Traveller sites)
- you're a residential landlord in the private or social rented sector (including local authorities and housing associations)

You cannot get the Green Homes Grant for newly built homes which have not been previously occupied.

How do I apply for a Green Homes Grant Voucher?

Visit the <https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/> website to check if you are eligible for the scheme. You will also be given a list of recommended measures for your property and connected with TrustMark registered installers/tradespeople to receive quotes to carry out the work. You must receive a quote from a TrustMark registered companies and once you have agreed to accept a quote, you must visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-green-homes-grant> to upload the winning quote and to apply for your voucher. Payment is then made directly to the installer.

Beginning in November, landlords will be able to apply for blocks of vouchers for multiple properties.

Is there a deadline to spend the voucher?

You must redeem the voucher and ensure that improvements and installation are completed within three months of the issue date or by 31 March 2021, whichever is EARLIER.

What if I'm claiming other grants or funding?

Energy Company Obligation (ECO)

You will not be able to claim a Green Homes Grant subsidy vouchers towards the cost of a measure which has also received funding under the Energy Company Obligation (ECO). However, you can claim both ECO and Green Homes Grant subsidy providing they are each for different measures – for example loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.

Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

The Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) gives households money towards renewable heating costs in their home. Payments are made for 7 years and are based on the amount of renewable heat made by your heating system.

You can claim both the Domestic RHI and the Green Home Grant for the renewable heat installation. You must claim the Green Home Grant first and then notify Ofgem that you have used it when you apply for accreditation to the Domestic RHI. The Green Homes Grant will then be deducted from your Domestic RHI payments.

Households can claim the Green Homes Grant for energy efficiency measures both before and after accreditation to the Domestic RHI.

What Energy Efficiency Improvements can I get installed?

Vouchers must be used to install at least one primary home insulation or low carbon heating measure. **Please note: You may NOT use the Green Homes Grant to replace gas boilers.**

If you choose to install at least one of the primary measures, you can use your voucher to help cover the cost of secondary measures. The subsidy for the secondary measure is capped at the value of the subsidy provided for the primary measures. For example, if you receive £400 for a primary measure such as a cavity wall insulation, you will be able to receive a maximum of £400 for a secondary measure such as an energy efficient replacement door.

The primary and secondary measures are set out below:

Primary Measures

Insulation:

- Solid wall
- Cavity wall
- Under-floor insulation (solid floor; suspended floor)
- Loft
- Flat roof
- Room in roof
- Park home insulation

Low carbon heat (where the home is suitably insulated):

- Air source heat pump
- Ground source heat pump
- Solar thermal
- Biomass pellet boilers
- hybrid heat pump

Secondary Measures

Windows and doors:

- Draught proofing
- Double/triple glazing (where replacing single glazing)
- Secondary glazing (in addition to single glazing)
- Energy efficient replacement doors (replacing single glazed or solid doors installed before 2020)

Heating controls and insulation:

- Hot water tank thermostats
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- Heating controls (e.g. smart heating controls, zone controls, intelligent delayed start thermostat and thermostatic radiator valves)

Where can I learn more about the Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme?

Full details of the scheme can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>