

Mould and Condensation

Condensation happens when warm, moist air hits a cold surface such as a window or outside wall and runs down the surface.. Moisture left on your walls can lead to black mould that can cause serious health problems and damage clothes, furniture and books.

Dealing with damp, mould and condensation.

- Make sure you have sufficient ventilation to allow the moist air to escape.
- Do not block air vents or air bricks
- Use extractor fans in bathrooms and kitchens to remove the moist air.
- Use a dehumidifier if you are drying laundry indoors.
- Don't dry wet clothes on the radiator.
- Remove black mould with a mould removal spray (not bleach).
- Keep the rooms warm where possible and above 18°C when you are using them.
- Lay carpet with thick underlay and use thick heavy lined curtains to increase the insulation.

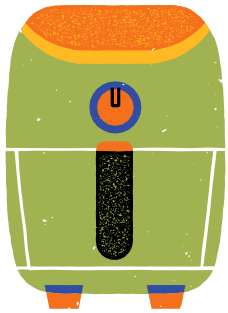
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Reducing energy use & condensation



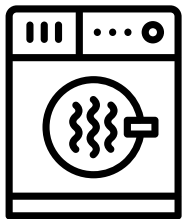
Keep lids on pans to reduce the steam and save on your energy use.

Only boil the amount of water you need in the kettle



Think about the difference in the costs of different cooking appliances.

Using a tumble drier could cost approximately 71p per hour compared to a heated clothes airer which costs approximately 8p an hour.



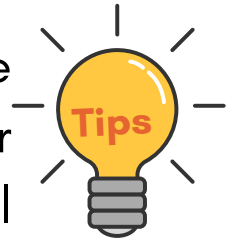
News

From October, social landlords will be forced to investigate and fix dangerous damp and mould in set time periods, as well as repair all emergency hazards within 24 hours

for more information on Awaab's Law to force landlords to fix dangerous homes

[Awaab's Law](#)

1 Refrigeration. Keep the temperature in your fridge between 3°C - 5°C. Defrost your fridge and freezer on a regular basis to stop the build up of ice. Cool food before you put it in the fridge or freezer



2 Hot water. If you have a hot water tank ensure it is insulated properly and set the temperature for your electric immersion heater at 60 °C. Don't leave it on the "continuous" setting.



3 Turn the thermostat down by one degree. This could reduce your heating bill by up to 10%. The ideal room temperature is between 18 -21°C and at 15°C and below, you are at risk of cold related illness.

Thermostatic radiator valves (TRVs) on each radiator can be individually set at different temperature levels so that you keep the rooms you use the most warmer.

4 Avoid using standby on electrical appliances. Devices on standby mode can use almost as much energy as when they are being used. Avoid using standby and use a power saving plug. A power saving plug lets you choose what you want to keep on or turn off at any given time.

DON'T FORGET

5to book a Home Energy Advice visit from us at Burnham and Weston Energy CIC. It's Free expert advice!

Home Energy Advice Service

What is it?

A totally free service providing a visit from a trained home energy advisor to help identify areas where savings can be made on energy use in your home.

- Resolving issues with reading and paying your bills
- Installing LED bulbs, draught excluders, and radiator reflectors
- Access to grants for insulation, new boilers and appliances.
- Future proofing your monthly payments for energy

Who can get it?

Residents in Somerset, North Somerset and parts of Mendip. – home owners, private and social renters.*

Who does it? Our qualified Home Energy Advisors Maria and Erika

Why is it different?

Because it's all about you and how you use your energy in your home. It's totally independent, impartial and costs absolutely nothing.

Why is it free?

Because we are the local deliverers of LEAP's (Local Energy Advice Partnership) national program, and supported funding from the Somerset Community Foundation

Why is it done in the home?

Every person, home and lifestyle is different. Our advisors can do a face to face appointment at home to assess any queries about your home energy use.

*Residents who have a household income below £31k or someone in the household is in receipt of a benefit, including pension credit and council tax reductions.

Events



4th

**Join our energy advisor Maria at the
Sedgemoor Connect Food and Fuel Poverty
Winter session.**

St Francis Church, Saxon Green, Bridgwater TA6 4JA
11am to 2pm

For more information about Sedgemoor Connect, contact
info@sedgemoorcommunityconnector.org.uk



2nd

**We will be at the Warm Space morning with
Bridgwater Town Council**

Bridgwater Town Hall Warm Space
10am to 12 noon

[Community Events Coordinator](#)

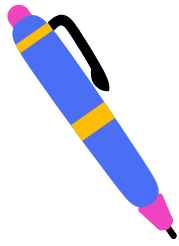


24th

Our office will be closed from
24th and returning on Monday
29th December



Sharing some of feedback comments with you can show the diverse services we offer.

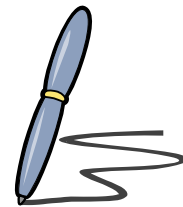


Mr B from Comwich



'Very helpful advice on keeping in the heat, at regular temperatures, smart meters, sockets on standby. Advisor spend time explaining, much appreciated. Help with draught excluders. Thank you so much.'

Mrs C from Langport



Very helpful about electricity account. Changed supplier! Also arranged electric blanket for me!

Mrs C was on a very high rate of electricity per unit and our advisor Maria helped her switch to a different supplier saving her approximately 7p per Kwh. We fitted draught excluders and also supplied her with a heated throw to help keep her toasty.



Ms B from Portishead

Absolutely fabulous initiative. Thank you Erika!

As part of our energy saving program we helped Ms B with a replacement fridge freezer, some remote standby sockets and a heated throw.

Mrs J from Langport

"Clear, extremely helpful and explained things well".



The Home Energy Savings Advice service from Burnham and Weston Energy CIC can give you access to qualified energy advisers in your home to talk about your energy, help to resolve any issues and help you to reduce your energy bills.

Register for an appointment via our website

<https://www.burnhamandwestonenergy.co.uk/home-energy-advice/>



To find out more or book an appointment for you, or someone else you feel may benefit.

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