

## Energy saving

# Insulating your home



Eleven million households in the UK will receive free insulation

**A**t this time of the year, particularly with the recent extremely cold weather, it's never been more important to think about insulating your home.

Without proper insulation a lot of the valuable, expensive energy you use to heat your home will be lost.

If you live in a three-bedroom semi-detached property heated by gas, then installing 270mm of loft insulation and filling the cavity to your external walls will reduce your heating costs by up to £265 per year.

It will also reduce your carbon dioxide emissions by up to 0.8 tonnes per year, and more importantly give you a warmer, healthier home.

In Wales it is estimated that there are more than 552,000 homes that will qualify for free insulation under the CERT scheme. Yours could be one of them.

The Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) is a Government initiative that places an obligation on the energy supply companies to make savings in the amount of

552,000 homes in Wales qualify for free loft and cavity wall insulation. Are you eligible?

carbon dioxide we emit from our houses.

One of the easiest ways the suppliers can achieve their objective is by subsidising the cost of insulation for all householders.

Under the current rules of the scheme some 11 million householders in the UK – 46% of the total – will receive free insulation under this programme.

Even if you do not qualify for free insulation the energy supply companies are offering discounts of up to 50% on the cost of insulation.

Warm Wales is a not-for-profit company currently with large-scale insulation projects running in Wrexham, Cardiff, Conwy, Flintshire, Denbighshire and Torfaen.

Other projects will start in Bridgend and Caerphilly in February 2010 and we can help. Simply look in your loft and if your insulation level is less than 60mm,

(two inches) then you could qualify for free insulation.

If your house was constructed after 1920 then there is a high probability that it would have a cavity that is suitable for insulation.

Feel free to contact Warm Wales and our staff will be happy to provide you with advice and a simple self-assessment form.

We can help you take the first steps to saving energy, carbon and money.

**With our recent severe weather the timing could not be better. Call us now on 0845 026 1135 (charged at local rates) or visit [www.warmwales.org.uk](http://www.warmwales.org.uk)**



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