

Warm homes funding schemes – outline of availability @ 14th January 2013

Information and support provided by Yorkshire Energy Partnership

1. Free cavity wall insulation and loft insulation for all householders regardless of circumstances. This funding is limited, but we are hopeful we will have it until the end of March.
2. We anticipate the Green Deal and ECO (Energy Company Obligation) to have launched by April, which will help fund a full range of energy efficiency measures including:
 - solid wall insulation
 - boilers

Full details of criteria are yet to be announced so it would be advisable for customers to phone towards the end of March for more information.

YEP can advise customers on:

3. Warm Front (ENDS 19 JAN) which provides a grant of up to £3,500 (or up to £6,000 for replacing a heating system on oil or alternative technology)

Improvements include

Loft insulation

Draught proofing

Cavity wall insulation

Hot water tank insulation

Central heating to include natural gas, storage heaters, LPG and oil (see above)

Converting a solid fuel open fire to a glass fronted fire

4. Warm Home Discount Scheme

For those who qualify, for winter 2012 to 2013, customers could get a £130 discount on your electricity bill through the Warm Home Discount Scheme.

The discount does not affect your Cold Weather Payment or Winter Fuel Payment.

Customers should be contacted but if not then they can call Warm Home Discount Scheme Helpline: 0845 603 9439 Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

Customers who may be eligible could include those on low income with a disability, long term illness or those with young children, but the actual criteria used will vary as it depends on which electricity supplier you are with. A discount of £130 will be issued via the electricity bill of customers who have been identified under the Broader Group schemes in 2012/13.

You qualify for the discount if on 21 July 2012 your supplier was part of the scheme, your name (or your partner's) was on the bill and you were either:

80 or over and getting the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit
Under 80 and only getting the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit (you won't qualify if you also get Saving Credit)

If you don't qualify, some suppliers offer the discount to vulnerable people (eg, those on a low income). Each supplier has their own rules about who else can get the discount.

5. Information has been circulated through our contacts about a boiler replacement scheme at nidirect - this is in Northern Ireland only.
6. Under ECO and with Carillion, there is funding available to replace an old inefficient boiler with a new A rated boiler if you receive:
 - Child Tax Credit with an income of £15,860 or less
 - Working Tax Credit with an income of £15,860 or less and have a child under 16 or under 20 but in full time education (but not higher Disabled worker element Severe disability element Age 60 or over)
 - Income Support and under 20 but in full time education (but not higher Child tax credit including a disability or severe disability element for a child or young person child tax credit with a disability or severe disability element for a child or young person Disabled child premium Disability premium enhanced disability or severe disability element premium Pensioner premium higher pension premium or enhanced pensioner premium)
 - Income related employment and support allowance
 - Pension credit - guaranteed and savings
 - Income based job seekers allowance and a child under 16 under 20 but in full time education (but not higher child tax credit with a disability or severe disability element for a child or young person disabled child premium disability premium enhanced disability or severe disability element premium pensioner premium higher pension premium or enhanced pensioner premium)
7. and of course people can use the Hotspots referral cards to also refer for support through the HIA via the NYCC Warmer Together partnership, funded by the DH Warm Homes Healthy People fund:
 - Small home repairs
 - Draught proofing
 - Emergency heaters
 - Boiler servicing
 - Keep warm packs

By writing the customer's requirement in the additional comments section of the Hotspots referral card, YEP would follow this up by calling the customer.