

# 7 Ways to Save Money on Your Gas Bill





# ABOUT THIS guide

With gas prices currently going through the roof we wanted to do something to help our customers to reduce their gas bills.

Therefore this guide includes some methods that you can quickly implement *today* to reduce the amount of gas you use as well as some other options that we can help you with.

We hope you find them useful.

*Alan Lowe*



1. Nudge Your  
Thermostat Down

Many people have their thermostat turned up higher than they really need. And of course, the higher you have it set, the longer your boiler has to work to get your home to that temperature and the more gas you use.

If your thermostat will allow, start by turning it down by just half a degree. Most people won't even notice the difference, but it will already be saving you money.

If you don't notice the difference, keep nudging the thermostat down, little by little, over a few days until you notice it is cooler or colder. You then have the choice of maybe just wearing a little extra clothing or just nudging the temperature back up slightly until you're comfortable.

It is estimated that for every one degree you turn your thermostat down, you'll save around 4% on your bill so it's well worth giving this method a try.



## 2. Add Thermostatic Radiator Valves

If you don't have Thermostatic Radiator Valves (TRVs) on all of your radiators, then they are really well worth considering.

Without them, when your heating is on, your boiler works all-out to get every radiator in your house as hot as it can - only stopping when your overall house thermostat is up to your selected temperature. But if you're like most people, you don't need all rooms to be at maximum temperature.

You probably don't need your spare room, bathroom or kitchen to be at the same temperature as your living room, for example.

With a TRV on a radiator, you can decide on a temperature for that particular radiator - and when the radiator gets to that temperature, it turns off and only comes back on again as the temperature drops.

When one radiator (or several radiators) are turned off by the TRVs then your boiler can get the rest of the house up to temperature quicker. And of course, when the rest of the house is up to temperature, the boiler turns off and you save money.

TRVs are relatively inexpensive to buy at around £20 each but you do need to take care if you're installing them yourself.

Alternatively, if you prefer we'd be happy to supply and fit your TRVs for you for £300 for 5 radiators then £40 for any additional TRVs.



### 3. The Next Level - Smart Thermostats

As you saw in the previous sections, controlling your thermostat and your radiators can save you a good amount on your gas bill. Smart Thermostats though, take things to the next level entirely.

And there are smart thermostats for your main house thermostat and your radiators.

Firstly, **Smart Home Thermostats**.

Smart Thermostats are one of the very best ways to reduce the gas you use to heat your home. Here's some of the ways they help...

- They know when everyone has left the house (due to the app you have on your phone) and then turn the heating down or off for you. And the further you go from home, the more it turns the heating down. It then also knows when you start getting closer to home again and turns the heating back on for you.

This means that you never need to remember to turn the heating off when you leave the house. You can simply go out and let the smart thermostat take care of things. And if there's several people at home as long as you all have the phone app, the Smart Thermostat won't change the temperature until the last person leaves the house.

- Gets your house to the desired temperature at different times of the day. For example, 19 degrees for when you wake, lower for when you're out during the day, higher again for the evening and then off when it's bedtime.

- Checks the weather forecast and works out when the heating needs to be on to get to your selected temperature, at the time you want it. So for example, if you get up at 7:30am and you want it to be 19 degrees at that time, your heating will always turn on at the correct time to get your house to the temperature when you want it.
- Lets you turn your heating on, off, up or down from anywhere in the world via the phone app.

### Secondly, **Smart Thermostatic Radiator Valves.**

A smart TRV takes the place of the Thermostatic Radiator Valves we mentioned earlier. It allows you to individually control the radiator that the TRV is on.

So that individual radiator can be set to be at a certain temperature at different times of day. The bedroom for example, may be set to come on before you wake, be much lower (or off) during the day, but then warm again before you go to bed. Similarly, you may not use your living room until the evening and so this could be lower or off all day.

When your radiators are controlled by Smart TRVs they don't come on until needed. This reduces the amount of water in the system that needs to be heated, meaning the boiler turns off sooner and so saves you money. You can even run just 1 radiator if you wanted to, which is great for people who work at home.

So as you can see, a Smart Thermostat, particularly when combined with Smart TRVs, help to ensure that you only heat your house when you need to, and individual rooms when you need to, and so helps to reduce your gas costs as much as is possible.

There are a number of Smart Thermostat options available but the one we recommend and install for our clients is the Wiser System from Drayton.

Wiser is our preferred option because...

- It is designed to make your heating system as efficient as possible and so will save you money on your gas costs every single day.
- It is easy to use
- It is cheaper than other Smart Thermostat options
- It has a 3 year warranty
- It is a quality, reliable system from one of the longest running companies in the UK

As a special offer for readers of this guide, we can supply and install your Wiser system for just:

Wiser Kit 1 (combi) £235

Wiser Kit 2 (1 heating zone and hot water) £285

Wiser Kit 2 (2 heating zones combi or 2 heating zones and hot water) £350

This includes supply of the Wiser kit, installation, setting up and instruction on use, registering warranty with Drayton.

Alternatively, if you would like a different make - Hive, Nest, Tado we can quote individually for these systems.



4. Have Your Boiler  
Serviced Annually

Having your boiler serviced on a yearly basis will help to ensure your family's safety as well as save you money on your gas bill.

From a safety point of view, the Department of Health say that over 4000 people every year visit A&E with carbon monoxide poisoning. A regular boiler service will give you the peace of mind that your boiler is working safely, as well as allowing any minor issues to be identified and sorted before they develop into a major fault that leaves you without heating or hot water.

From an efficiency point of view, a regular service also ensures that your boiler is working as efficiently as possible. This means that it uses as little gas as possible to heat your home and so reduces your gas bill.

One final note on boiler services: If your boiler is still under guarantee, you will usually need to have the boiler serviced every 12 months or you may void your warranty

Our normal price for a boiler service is £110 but for readers of this guide we're offering the special price of just £100 for a limited time.

Simply call us on 07487 849 022 and mention the Gas Guide Offer.

While we're servicing your boiler, if you'd like us to install a Carbon Monoxide Alarm for you, we can do this for £35. On any new boilers we install, we will also install a Carbon Monoxide Alarm for you at the same time.



## 5. Save Money on Water Heating

If you have a conventional boiler in your home, then you possibly have it coming on for several hours every day to heat your hot water tank.

But many people have the boiler on for far longer than is needed to fully heat the tank. This means that they are using gas unnecessarily which is costing them money.

One way to ensure that this doesn't happen to you is with the Smart Thermostats we mentioned earlier, as these can often be used to control your water heating as well as your central heating.

There is a manual way to do it too though...

Have a look to see how long your water heating currently comes on for and then reduce that time. Don't reduce it by too much in one go though. So if it's on for an hour, for example, maybe reduce it by 10 minutes. You'll then need to leave it for several days so you can see if the water remains just as hot as before. If it does, then reduce the time a little more and try again until you find your water isn't as hot as it should be. Then you'll need to nudge it back up again slightly so that your water is fully heating again.

Most people will easily be able to reduce the time their boiler is heating the hot water tank by using this method. And of course, that will be saving you money on your gas bill.

One note of caution though - Don't be tempted to turn down your cylinder thermostat too as this needs to be set at a minimum 60 degrees to protect you from Legionella.



## 6. Bleed Your Radiators

Air can sometimes get trapped inside your radiators, leaving cold spots when the radiators heat up. This means that your radiators will be less effective and you'll use more gas to heat your room to your desired temperature.

Bleeding the radiator will allow the air to escape.

If your radiators are taking longer to heat up than they used to, or you can feel cold spots near the top, then try bleeding them to see what difference it makes.

You'll need a bleed key, but these can be bought for less than £2 at DIY shops or just search 'radiator bleed key' online.

It's also relatively simple to do, but make sure you know what you're doing before you start. Here's a link to a guide from EON that will help:

<https://www.eonenergy.com/boilers/heating-hub/issues/how-to-bleed-a-radiator.html>



## 7. Give Your Central Heating a Powerflush

Over a number of years, your radiators and central heating system can become clogged with dirt, rust and sludge. The result of this is that your home takes longer to heat, your boiler has to work harder, and therefore your gas costs can rise considerably.

The solution to this is to give your system a Powerflush that removes all of the rust and sludge and keeps your system running effectively.

But how would you know if you need a Powerflush?

Well, the common signs include some or all of the following...

- Some radiators are slower to heat up than others.
- Cold spots on radiators, where they don't warm up entirely.
- Increasing noise from your boiler or central heating pump.
- Some rooms that you just don't seem to be able to get warm.

A Powerflush will solve all of these issues, help your home to get warm quicker and reduce your gas bills.

As part of your boiler service, we will happily check your radiators and system free of charge and let you know if a Powerflush would be beneficial.

When we carry out a Powerflush, we will also install a Magnaclean filter into your system that will automatically pull rust and sludge out of your system in the future.

Depending on your central heating system, the cost of a Powerflush would be £385 for up to 10 radiators and a total of £500 if we also include the Magnaclean filter.

## In Summary

There you have seven methods that you can use to reduce your gas bill. Even though some of them have an up-front cost, we are confident that with the recent huge increase in gas prices, they will all rapidly save you money.

We hope that you will try the no-cost ideas straight away and then we're here for you if you'd like to discuss any of the other options.

# What our customers say about us...

Great service. Our boiler broke down and Alan came the next day to see if he could fix it. Had to get a replacement which was great value and fitted within two days. Highly recommend!

Donna Edwards

We had a really tricky issue with our hot water which turned out to need two non-standard immersion heaters to be changed. Alan was a delight to deal with throughout, and jumped at the chance to complete the job early when parts arrived quicker than expected.

Thanks Al!

Dale Bilson

Had a new boiler fitted by these guys yesterday. Great job! Cleaned up, new boiler is great and work carried out with minimal inconvenience, would highly recommend! Thanks Alan & Simon :)

Samantha Walker

Alan recently installed our new boiler and did an excellent job. Him and his team are very friendly and professional and we would definitely recommend.

Charlotte Larkin

Simon was the engineer that came out and was exactly on time. He was polite, talkative and knew what he was talking about. It's difficult to find good, reliable tradesmen but Alan and his team are excellent and I'll definitely be using the team and their services again.

Pete Rawlings

Alan always does an awesome job! Today he was supposed to sort a leaking pipe but ended up tightening a leaking radiator, replacing 2 valves on another radiator, doing a boiler service and sorting the leaking pipe obviously. Top man! 5\* Would definitely recommend

Cat Budworth

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# Can We Help You?

If you'd like to discuss any of the options mentioned in this guide, or you need any other assistance with your central heating system, please give me a call on 07487 849 022.

Alternatively, you can contact me via our Facebook Page or website...



[Facebook Page](#)

[Website](#)

I look forward to speaking to you.

Kind Regards,

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