

Boiler scrappage scheme - £400 off a new boiler!

If you have picked up any paper or looked at the news over the past few weeks you would have seen that there is a new government scheme in place for a £400 voucher off the cost of a new boiler installation.

The governments boiler scrappage scheme was introduced on the 5th January 2010 and is open to 125,000 householders in England living in their own or privately rented home. There are currently around 3.5m inefficient - 'G' rated - boilers in use. By upgrading your boiler to an 'A' rated one, your heating bill should fall by about a quarter or more.

Who is eligible?

If your boiler has a permanent pilot light or is more than 15 years old , then it is very likely to be a 'G' rated boiler and therefore eligible. You can find the rating of your boiler on www.sedbuk.com or alternatively contact an installer who should be able to confirm if your boiler is 'G' rated.

How do I apply?

If your boiler is eligible, obtain quotes for a new boiler. Once you have a suitable quote, call the Energy Savings Trust on **0800 512 012** with the following information:

- Your name.
- The address you wish to claim the voucher for.
- The make and model of the old boiler.
- The name and contact details of the company carrying out the work.
- The type of replacement boiler to be installed.
- Confirmation that you have received a quote from the installer to carry out the work.

The £400 vouchers will be issued from 18th January. You will receive the voucher approximately ten days after application. Vouchers are valid for 12 weeks from date of issue. Once you have received your voucher, you can then proceed with the installation. You will need to pay for the new boiler and installation and then claim back the £400 by sending the voucher and copy of the invoice to the Energy Saving Trust. More information can be found on at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk or by speaking to your local heating installer.

For your peace of mind and safety, find a local, vetted, qualified heating installer by visiting **www.safelocaltrades.com** and select from the list of tradesmen who are categorised under *Plumbers (Heating & Gas)*. All members are highly recommended verified Gas Safe Registered engineers and will be happy to advise and provide a free no-obligation quotation. Alternatively phone **0800 014 1832** and ask for a recommendation.

