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Insulation Audit - Nov 09

Did you know that over half of all heat lost in an average home goes out through the loft space and the walls?

Loft Insulation:

Topping up your loft insulation is one of the easiest energy saving measures and saves you money.

You may qualify for free installation - call 0800 512 012 or 0800 316 2805

No previous insulation will cost you **£149** or top-up **£229**.

Use the guide below to check what insulation may exist in your home:

Year	Depth of insulation
<i>Built before 1950</i>	<i>No recommended level of loft insulation</i>
<i>To 1965</i>	<i>25mm,</i>
<i>1975</i>	<i>60 mm</i>
<i>1985</i>	<i>100 mm</i>
<i>1990</i>	<i>150 mm</i>
<i>1995</i>	<i>200 mm</i>
<i>2002</i>	<i>250 mm,</i>
<i>2003</i>	<i>270 mm</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>300 mm for new build homes</i>

Cavity Wall Insulation:

You may need a professional to check whether you have cavity walls. For information you may like to look at the websites:

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk or www.easterncri.org

Heat loss through walls can be 35% with another 25% through doors & windows

Professional cavity wall insulation will cost you **£149** by a recommended contractor.

Use the guide below to check what insulation you may have in your cavity walls:

- Before 1932 - Cavity wall & insulation unlikely
- 1932 - 1982 - Likely to have cavity but unlikely to have insulation
- After 1982 - Almost certain to have Cavity wall insulation

Solid Wall Insulation:

Homes built before 1920 will lose even more energy through solid walls.

Insulation is recommended internally or externally.

Future schemes to assist householders are likely. Meanwhile, *Debenham Growing Greener* will research bulk buy or group contract options. We are also working with Mid Suffolk to thermal image properties in the area to highlight heat loss from our homes. Please make us aware of your interest and contact details over the page.

Hot water tank & pipes:

Check you have a British Standard Insulation jacket (at least 75mm) and that hot water pipes are lagged - this will cut heat loss of 75%.

Draft Proofing:

Cold air around windows and doors means warm air is escaping. The heat lost could be 20% of the total heat lost. Draught proofing is an easy DIY task that fills gaps and decreases the amount of cold air entering your home. Let us know if you need help.

PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS -
then email answers to growinggreener@hotmail.co.uk
or bring to Debenham's 'late night shopping' event
Friday 4th Dec and visit our stall of information! You
can even get your special Passport stamped there!

1. Approximately when was your house built?

2. What level of insulation do you have in your loft.
None less than 60mm more than 60mm?
(Would you like some help to measure this? ..?)

3. Are you interested in a local insulation scheme - group
contractor, bulk buy etc? Yes / No

4. Do you need cavity wall insulation? Yes /No

5. Do you have solid walls? Yes /No
Do you want to be kept in touch with initiatives? Yes / No
Would you be interested in period homes insulation advice?
Yes /No

6. Do you need help to draft proof your home? Yes /No

7. Do you need help to keep warm this winter? Yes / No

Please turn over

8. Would you like more information on renewable energy:

solar thermal (hot water)	Yes /No
solar PV (electricity)	Yes /No
wind turbines	Yes /No
heat pumps	Yes /No

9. Do you have rural transport problems? Please explain

10. Please indicate what other help you might need.

Any advice or expertise you have on reducing energy or any ideas you may have?

Your name:

Address:

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Post code: Tel:

Your email:

Your signature:

I agree to my contact details being used by Debenham Area growing greener to provide me with information and connect me to others interested in similar local initiatives. Yes /No

Please return by email to growinggreener@hotmail.co.uk

Or hand in to Post Office or Resource Centre.