

Protecting our planet

How thecentre:mk protects the
environment



Environmental practices are at the core of thecentre:mk's operation with energy saving, waste management and waste disposal being key considerations in its day to day running. In the past year thecentre:mk has smashed national government targets by recycling over 50% of its waste, which equates to more than 1000 tonnes.

thecentre:mk aims to have a 'zero waste' policy in place by 2010 and will achieve this by re-using, refurbishing and recycling. Recycling bins on the malls enable customers to segregate their paper, cans and plastic waste. A reverse vending machine in Queens Court accepts empty plastic bottles. Please help us to protect the environment by using these resources.

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ENERGY REDUCTION AT HOME

WE'RE DOING OUR BIT BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

1. **Switching Supplier**

More than four million people switched their energy supplier last year and cut their bills by around £150 each according to Ofgem.

2. **Water Crisis**

Simply by taking showers instead of baths you use a whopping 40 per cent less water. If you have more bedrooms than people in your home you could save over £200 by switching to a water meter so you only pay for the water that you actually use.

3. **Turn it down**

Turning your thermostat down by a mere one degree centigrade in your home can reduce your energy use by 6%. This could save you £30 a year.

4. **Replace your boiler**

Look into replacing your old boiler, and opt for an "A" rated one when you do so. It will use less energy and be more environmentally friendly. An energy efficient update would save you about £90 a year on your fuel bills.

5. **Bleed your radiators**

Releasing trapped air from your radiators is quick and easy and makes them perform better, saving you money on wasted energy.

6. **Insulate your home**

Installing loft insulation can save you up to 25 per cent off your annual heating bill. Installing 10" of loft insulation could cost you around £230, however by doing so you could save £180 to £220 every year thereafter.

7. **Change your bulbs**

Energy efficient light bulbs cost around £3.50 but last 12 times longer than ordinary bulbs, saving £9 per year per bulb.

8. **Switch off**

Your appliances still use around 70 per cent of their usual energy when left on standby, so by turning them off it will trim your energy use by 1.3% and save you around £25 a year.

9. **Unplug Chargers**

Leaving your phone, laptop or iPod charger plugged in when you're not using them, wastes around £10 a year for each appliance.

10. **Triple A your appliances**

Watch out for the Triple A energy rating logo on washing machines, fridge and freezers. Replacing an old appliance with a AAA rated one could save up to £45 a year. Fridges and freezers should also be kept at least an inch away from the wall to allow the air to circulate behind them. This stops them overheating and working too hard.

11. **Get some gadgets**

Buying "green" products can save more money and energy. For example, Eco Balls replace traditional washing tablets and last up to 1,000 washes. You can also buy wind-up radios, solar powered lights and water powered clocks.