

# News Release



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## GET YOUR ENERGY BILL DOWN WITH A NEW BOILER

*The household boiler may have been under utilised during the summer months but will soon be in near constant use during the coming colder ones. Timely advice on the benefits of a new boiler comes from the Heating Helpline.*

**2 October 2013** – Colder, damper winter weather will soon be upon us and no one will be surprised if we don't see another round of energy price rises from the 'Big 6' utility companies. They have been stubbornly high for a long time now with the average dual fuel bill a whopping £1,300 a year – a significant chunk of household expenditure.

Heating Helpline, the free consumer advice service, says there is one very important step you can take to cut your gas bills – if your gas boiler is around 10 years old it really is worth considering replacing it with a modern condensing boiler. The current generation of ultra efficient condensing boilers convert over 90% of the fuel they use and are up to 40% more fuel efficient than the older boilers they replace. That can represent big savings on your gas bill.

And, as the Heating Helpline points out, it's not just money at stake but also the wellbeing of your family – around 50 people in the UK still needlessly die every year from preventable carbon monoxide poisoning, with hundreds more made seriously ill, with the biggest culprit being older boilers, especially those that have not been regularly serviced.

So if you think it is time – for money saving, environmental and safety reasons – to get your boiler replaced before winter sets in, it's not difficult to find a reputable, reliable registered engineer. A good place to start is the Heating Helpline on 0800 840 4069 or the website at [www.heatinghelpline.org.uk](http://www.heatinghelpline.org.uk).

Operated by B&ES, the Building & Engineering Services Association, the Heating Helpline provides essential information on where homeowners can find a local, reputable installer, how to employ them, how to get the best from them and what to do in the unlikely event that things do go wrong. On the website homeowners can put in their postcode and it will produce a list of reputable, Gas Safe registered installers in their chosen area, all of whom are also registered with the Government's TrustMark scheme.

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## Notes to editors

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B&ES members are subject to regular, third-party inspection and assessment of their technical competence and commercial capability, carried out by an independent certification body at least every three years.

B&ES members who undertake gas installations are registered with Gas Safe – the gas safety watchdog body – and are also members of TrustMark, the Government-endorsed scheme designed to direct customers towards reliable tradespeople.

B&ES operates the *Heating Helpline* ([www.heatinghelpline.org.uk](http://www.heatinghelpline.org.uk)) to provide consumers with free, impartial advice on every aspect of home heating.