

GAS & ELECTRICITY

DID YOU KNOW THAT 11 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UK ARE ON THEIR ENERGY PROVIDERS STANDARD TARIFF AND OVERPAYING ON THEIR ENERGY?

- Take regular meter readings. Don't give your supplier any reason to estimate your bill, give them regular readings to ensure you don't pay too much. It is likely that your supplier will overestimate how much you have used.
- Change to online bills, some suppliers will give a discount a 10% discount to go paperless
- If possible, avoid prepayment meters and swap to a billed meter, although this may not be possible if you have outstanding debt with the supplier, but make agreement with supplier and they may revisit for you in the future
- In financial difficulty some suppliers may offer grants or deals

Unfortunately, customer loyalty doesn't pay when it comes to electricity & gas. To change provider, all you need is your postcode, supplier and tariff.

SWITCHING IS EASY

- Check the type of meter you have
- Find out if your contract has an 'exit fee' for leaving early
- Look at the tariff you are on now
- All the above information can be found on your bill

You should now check whether you need a specific tariff for the type of electricity meter you have, for example if you have a pre-payment meter or an 'Economy 7' meter.

If you get the Warm Home Discount you should check if your new supplier offers this before you switch.

If you've applied for the Warm Home Discount but not yet got it, you'll have to apply again if you switch supplier.

You could save money on your bills by using comparison websites such as www.moneysupermarket.com and the Energy Saving Trust website www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/