

Make your home more energy efficient this winter

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With yet another energy price hike kicking in this week, it's more important than ever to reduce your energy consumption, not just because it's good for the environment but also to save you money. With this in mind, double glazing window, door and conservatory specialist Anglian Home Improvements has issued some advice in advance of Big Energy Saving Week (22-27 October), to help you get your home ready for winter and improve its energy efficiency at the same time.

There are lots of things you can do from a home improvement point of view that will keep the worst of the winter out, as well as having a substantial impact on your energy bills. For instance, we're all aware that roof insulation is vital for keeping in the heat, but did you know that around 30 per cent of a home's heat loss is due to it escaping through windows and doors?

You can easily fix draughty windows, doors and other gaps like loft hatches and letter boxes using draught excluders, which are widely available. However, if you are thinking about upgrading your windows before the winter, look for A rated energy efficient windows that carry the Energy Saving Trust Recommended label. Better still, choose a product like Anglian's EcoGain windows (http://www.anglianhome.co.uk/windows/ecogain_windows), which not only eliminate draughts but can also lower your fuel bills by using the free energy that comes in through your windows to help add heat to your home.

If you are planning to change your doors this year, the most important thing is that the door is fitted correctly so the seal is tight. Anglian uses only qualified and approved installers to guarantee a high quality installation, and its doors (<http://www.anglianhome.co.uk/doors>) come in a range of different styles and finishes. Its GRP Classic collection, for instance, is made from glass reinforced polyester, which is thermally efficient and looks great too, with the look and feel of real wood but without the need to paint or stain.

Maintaining your roof trim (<http://www.anglianhome.co.uk/roof-trim>) is an important job at this time of year. Guttering should be cleared of leaves and other debris to enable them to work effectively during the winter downpours. If you have wooden fascias, bargeboards, soffits or cladding, these should be treated before the winter to prevent problems of rot, rust, mould and insects. However, all of these products are also available in long-lasting, low-maintenance uPVC and they all come with a 10-year guarantee, so if you've had enough of sanding, painting and wobbly ladders, look no further!

Anglian Home Improvements is an Energy Saving Trust Recommended supplier and offers a broad selection of stylish and energy efficient products, including windows, doors conservatories, roof trim, solar panels and much more. For more information and to view the full product range, visit anglianhome.co.uk.

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About Anglian Home Improvements:

Established in 1966, Anglian Home Improvements is the UK's leading home improvements company, responsible for the employment of 4500 people. With more than 45 years' experience of providing UVPC double-glazing windows, Anglian ensures it is ahead of the competition with a continuing research and development programme. Anglian offers an extensive range of home improvement products, including double glazing replacement windows and doors, conservatories, driveways, solar products, garage conversions and roof trims.

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