

# Green Homes Grant

## Frequently asked questions



### 1. What is the Green Homes Grant?

- The Green Homes Grant is a new voucher scheme launched by the UK government in September 2020.
- It aims to provide funding towards energy efficiency and low-carbon heating improvements.
- Information is available from the official government website:

<https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-grant>

### 2. Who can apply?

- Homeowners in England, including park homes if own your park home.
- Landlords, and Housing Associations.
- If you are a tenant, your landlord must apply.

### 3. How much is a voucher worth?

- General Scheme: **£5000** voucher. This voucher will cover **two thirds of the cost of works**, up to a maximum of £5000.
- Low Income Scheme: **£10,000** voucher. The voucher will cover the cost of works up to a maximum of £10,000.
- Both vouchers include VAT.
- Complete the questionnaire to see which voucher you are eligible for.

### 4. What improvements can I get?

#### PRIMARY MEASURES

##### Insulation

- Solid Wall insulation
- Cavity Wall insulation
- Under Floor insulation
- Loft insulation
- Flat roof insulation
- Park Home insulation

##### Low Carbon Heating

- Air Source Heat Pump
- Ground Source Heat Pump
- Solar Thermal (water) Heating
- Biomass Pellet Boilers

#### SECONDARY MEASURES

##### Windows and Doors

- Draught Proofing
- Double Glazing/Triple Glazing (when replacing single glazing)
- Secondary Glazing (in addition to single glazing)
- Energy efficient replacement doors (replacing single glazed or solid doors installed before 2002).

##### Heating controls and Insulation

- Hot water tank thermostats
- Hot water tank insulation
- Heating controls (e.g. smart heating controls, zone controls, intelligent delayed start thermostat and thermostatic radiator valves).

You must use the voucher for at least one **PRIMARY MEASURE**.

You can then choose a **SECONDARY MEASURE** for the same cost as the primary measures.

For example, if your primary measure (e.g. loft insulation) costs £1000 but you want to have £3000 worth of double glazing you could only receive £1000 towards the windows.

## 5. Why are there primary and secondary measures?

The measures are rated by importance. Wall insulation has a much larger impact on the insulation of a property than draughtproofing or replacing single glazing.

Both primary and secondary measures must come within the maximum value of the voucher.

## 6. Can I get replacement windows without taking a primary measure?

No. To receive any funding towards windows you must have a primary measure first.

## 7. What is a heat pump?

Air source and ground source heat pumps are a type of low carbon heating. They extract heat energy from the air or ground. Both use some electricity to do this but often you will receive 3kw of heat energy per 1kw you put into the system. Your house **MUST** be well insulated for a heat pump to work efficiently.

Heat pumps can be more expensive to run than a gas system. This is because on average the UK is a cheaper market for mains gas, while a more expensive market for electricity. This reduces the general cost of gas heating in relation to electric heating (much of which is generated by gas anyway). This is likely to change as gas prices rise and electricity prices fall with the increase of renewable sources of electricity generation.

## 8. How do I apply?

- Currently the only way to apply to the Green Homes Grant is through the official government website:  
[www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk](http://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk)
- Later in the scheme there will be a way to apply through your local council if your council has signed up to the **Local Authority Distribution** (LAD) element of the scheme.
- By completing a **questionnaire**, you find out if you are eligible for a voucher, how much you will get, what measures are suitable for your property, and how to apply
- The website will recommend **Trustmark Approved** contractors. You need to get quotes and add these to your application.
- Terms and conditions are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>