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Caring for the environment...What can you do?

Did you know that Hackney Homes has distributed over 8,000 **FREE** energy saving light bulbs to residents? This is just one of the ways Hackney Homes has been encouraging residents to 'go green' and use less energy, less water and to care for the environment.

Want to find out more?

Throughout May, you can pop into your local Hackney Homes Neighbourhood Office to get advice on saving energy at home. You can get advice on everything including energy efficient products and grants. Also pick up a FREE energy-saving light bulb to get you on the road to saving energy.

Dates and times are available on the Hackney Homes website at www.hackneyhomes.org.uk Or you can email saveenergy@hackneyhomes.org.uk for your free low energy bulb and for more energy saving advice.

Energy saving TIP: How to clean up a broken low energy bulb

Do not touch the powdery dust that may have come away from the bulb. If possible, use rubber or latex gloves. **Do not vacuum it up** as that will only spread the dust around. Carefully pick up the large bits and gently sweep up the rest. Put it all in a plastic bag. As with any broken glass, wrap the bag in newspaper before disposal.

ENERGY SAVING FACT

According to the Energy Saving Trust, if all 8,763 Hackney Homes leaseholders and freeholders committed to replace three light bulbs with energy saving recommended bulbs it would save about 221 tonnes of CO₂ per year which would fill 1,257 double-decker buses. The financial savings would be over £62,000 - enough to pay the yearly fuel bill for about 70 households.

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