

Press release

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Reap the rewards of going green

Wouldn't it be nice to save money on your household bills and help save the planet at the same time? You can, and there is no hassle involved.

This month, Hackney Homes has teamed up with Thames and Central Energy Efficiency Advice Centre and the Energy Saving Trust to encourage all tenants and leaseholders to do simple things at homes that will make a difference to the environment.

From Monday 22nd October which marks the start of national Energy Saving Week, there will be a range of information available on the Hackney Homes Website www.hackneyhomes.org.uk and in neighbourhood housing offices with hints and tips that will help save energy and save money. Some of these are:

- Use energy saving light bulbs. They last around 10 times longer than ordinary light bulbs.
- Turn your thermostat down. Reducing your room temperature by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to 10 percent.
- A dripping hot water tap wastes energy and in one week wastes enough hot water to fill half a bath, so fix leaking taps and make sure they're fully turned off!

But Hackney Homes are not just encouraging residents to be green; we are also following these tips in our own offices to reduce our impact on the environment.

Susmita Noonan, Hackney Homes Chief Executive said: "We are absolutely committed to saving energy in our offices and where we carry out works in properties. We ensure high levels of recycling of waste from sites where work is taking place; we are looking into the use of fuel-efficient vehicles and we are already implementing paperless environments to minimise paper wastage".

For information and advice on saving energy, residents can log on to www.hackneyhomes.org.uk, go to the link to Housing Services and click on Saving energy at home. You can also send an email to saveenergy@hackneyhomes.org.uk and someone will get in touch to assist with your query.

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Our mission is to deliver excellent, responsive housing services with decent homes and estates. To help residents lead healthy lives in safe and sustainable communities.

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Notes to Editors

- Energy Saving Week (Monday 22nd October through to Sunday 28th October 2007) is in its 11th year. This week challenges people to adopt energy saving measures to reduce their CO₂ emissions and encourage others in their community to do the same.
- For independent and local energy saving advice, you can call Thames and Central Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on freephone **0800 512 012**.