

Hot Water

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Check to identify if the hot water tank and pipes are insulated. If not this can be easily carried out as a DIY exercise. Insulating a hot water tank is one of the simplest and easiest ways to save energy and money. Fitting a British Standard 'jacket' around the tank can cut heat loss by over 75%. If there is already a jacket fitted, check that it's at least 75mm thick. New 80mm jackets are also available to further reduce heat loss.

Consider installing time controls, and set them to correctly reflect the hours of hot water requirement.

Set hot water thermostats to the appropriate temperature – no more than 60°C for normal requirements, but ensure the water temperature does not drop below 56°C

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