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Energy efficient heating and hot water from Baxi

According to the Government, in 2004 more than a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions came from the energy we use to heat, light and run our homes. Carbon dioxide is well documented as a major cause of climate change, and we all have a responsibility to do what we can to reduce our 'carbon footprints'.

In addition, the biggest household bills we receive each month are for the energy we use to heat our homes and provide hot water, and these costs have risen steeply during the last 12 months. And resources of the fossil fuels we use to generate that energy are dwindling.

So it makes sense to do what we can in our homes to reduce the amount of energy we use, so we reduce emissions and fuel costs and help to preserve the precious fossil fuel resources.

There are a few simple steps that can be taken to improve energy efficiency of the home's heating system that are relatively inexpensive. These include installing thermostatic radiator valves to control the heat in each room, insulating the hot water pipes and lagging the hot water storage cylinder with a 75mm jacket. This could save up to £100 a year on fuel costs.

In the longer term, it is worth considering replacing your boiler with a new, high efficiency, or condensing, boiler. The term condensing, or high efficiency, means the boiler recovers more heat from the amount of oil or gas that is burnt, making it more efficient than conventional boilers. By recovering and using heat that would otherwise be lost up the flue, the best condensing boilers are more than 90% efficient.

Although condensing boilers cost more initially, they are very economical to use, and can pay back the initial extra cost in fuel savings, saving around £200 a year,

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depending on the property. Condensing boilers also have lower emissions of toxic gasses making them much better for the environment, reducing carbon dioxide emissions by over two and a half tonnes.

If your boiler was installed before 2003, it is likely to be one of around four million old inefficient boilers that are still working in the UK (according to the Heating and Hot Water Industry Council). If all these boilers were replaced, around two and a half million tonnes of carbon dioxide would be saved every year.

UK boiler manufacturer Baxi offers a range of high efficiency SEDBUK A rated boilers, with a choice of products suitable for every home. If you are looking for central heating and instant hot water whenever you want it, Baxi has two ranges of combination boilers. The Baxi Duo-tec Combi HE includes the Baxi Duo-tec Combi 28 HE, awarded Britain's Best Buy by Which? in its latest boiler report. It was given 5-star ratings for efficiency, NO_x emissions, ease of installing and features. The Baxi Platinum Combi HE is backed by an industry leading five year parts and labour warranty.

If you have a hot water storage cylinder, the Baxi Solo HE heat only range and the Baxi Megaflo System HE boilers are stylish and compact in design and offer excellent heating and hot water performance.

For more information on Baxi's products, please visit www.baxi.co.uk or call 0844 871 1525.

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