

Fact Sheet

Insulating and weather-proofing your home.

What you need to know.



You could be eligible for the Energy Saver Incentive by

- Insulating floors
- Double glazing windows
- Weather-proofing windows and doors
- Sealing gaps and wall vents
- Installing chimney dampers or self-sealing exhaust fans

Contact a **participating business** providing these products and services and ask for the Energy Saver Incentive – a discount or special offer.

Remember, the more greenhouse gas emissions you save, the bigger the potential incentive.

For a full list of participating businesses visit **saveenergy.vic.gov.au**

For more information visit **saveenergy.vic.gov.au** or phone the Customer Call Centre on **136 186**.

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Energy Saver Action requirements.

To be eligible for the Energy Saver Incentive on insulation and weather sealing there are some requirements you or your participating business will need to meet.

- All products must be professionally installed by **participating businesses**, including weather sealing. This is so the greenhouse gas savings can be properly calculated.
- For a range of insulation and weather-proofing actions, your supplier can offer a preferred product and have it approved by the Energy Saver Incentive administrators.
- You will be asked to sign a form which shows the incentive you received for your Energy Saver action.

Ask your participating businesses which approved products they can supply. Shop around for a deal you are happy with before you buy.

Insulating floors: the specifics

- Insulation must be installed in a floor with no previous insulation and must cover a minimum area of 20m².
- Products used must have a minimum winter r-value of 2.5 for floors.
- The work must meet performance and installation requirements of Australian Building Codes & Standards.

Double glazing windows: the specifics

- You can choose to replace your single-glazed windows with double-glazed windows to make them more thermally efficient.
- The new windows must be placed in external walls and cover a minimum area of 5m² of glazing.
- **Participating businesses** may offer particular products for retro-fitting to existing windows. Ask your **participating business** which products they can supply.

Weather-proofing windows and doors: the specifics

- Many types of lightweight self-adhesive weather sealing products are eligible as long as they are installed by a **participating business**.
- **Participating businesses** may offer some products – which include, foam, flexible plastic, polypropylene pile, rubber and fibrous seals. Ask your **participating business** which products they can supply.

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Sealing gaps and wall vents: the specifics

- Restricting air-flow in and out of your home from exhaust fans, vents and chimneys are all eligible actions under the Energy Saver Incentive.
- Exhaust fans must have a self-sealing flap; filter or damper installed (or be replaced by a new exhaust fan which self-seals).
- External wall vents must be permanently sealed.
- Chimneys and flues must be sealed with products that can be closed to restrict air flow.
- All Energy Saving actions taken to improve insulation to your home must be installed by a **participating business**.

For more details about the requirements ask your participating businesses before you buy.

How Heidi and Michael seal their chimney and put a cap on their heating bills.

- Heidi and Michael read an article in the paper about how energy bills are higher when hot air from heaters is allowed to escape through unsealed chimneys. They know their chimney is drafty, and their house expensive to heat, so when they hear about the Energy Saver Incentive they take action.
- Heidi and Michael visit the **saveenergy** website and find a local business participating in the Energy Saver Incentive that specialises in weather-proofing and call to enquire about what can be done about their unsealed chimney.
- They're told they could have an eligible chimney damper fitted that will allow them to seal the chimney when it's not being used and then simply open it up when the fire is crackling away.
- This sounds perfect. They're given a quote on the spot and then ask for an Energy Saver Incentive.
- They are offered a discount. This sounds perfect too. They agree and arrange for the chimney damper to be installed.
- When it's been installed, they sign a form confirming their incentive – the discount.
- They've now saved on the price of the damper and helped stop their heat from escaping. Their future energy bills will decrease. And they're helping Victoria reach its energy saving target of 2.7 million tonnes of greenhouse gas per year.

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