

Energy Efficiency

Money

What actually reduces a home's energy use, ordered by payback.

Rough order of cost-effectiveness for a typical older home.

Measure	Cost	Payback
Draught-proofing	£	Fastest
Loft insulation	££	2–4 years
Hot water tank jacket	£	<1 year
Cavity wall insulation	££	3–5 years
Thermostat / controls	££	2–5 years
Double glazing	££££	15–20 years
Solid wall insulation	£££££	20+ years
Solar PV	££££	8–15 years

The cheapest measures usually have the fastest payback. Do those before anything requiring a loan.