

Energy Bill Discounts, October 2022

All households will automatically receive a non-repayable discount of £400 which will be paid in 6 instalments between October 2022 and March 2023. Payment schedule is: - Oct & Nov £66 per month and Dec, Jan, Feb & Mar £67 per month.

You **do not** need to apply however, how you receive the payment will depend on how you pay your energy bill:

- Direct debit - you will either have a reduction on your monthly payment or you will receive a refund straight into your bank account.
- Prepayment meters - You'll get the discount from the first week of each month. You'll get the discount automatically in one of the following ways, as:
 - redeemable vouchers, sent by SMS text, email or post
 - an automatic credit when you top up at your usual top up point
- Standard credit or payment card - you will receive the discount will be automatically applied as a credit in the first week of each month.
- Smart meters - the discount will be credit to your smart meter.

Other Help.

If you're in debt to your energy supplier, you might be able to get a grant to help pay it off. You may be able to get other kinds of support, including:

- a £650 Cost of Living Payment for households on means tested benefits - will be paid directly if you are in receipt of the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Income Support
 - Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit
 - Working Tax Credit
- a £300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment, to be paid alongside the Winter Fuel Payment.
- a £150 Disability Cost of Living Payment for people who get certain disability benefits
- help from the Household Support Fund from Peterborough City Council. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you will receive from your child's school.
 - A £10 supermarket voucher for the October half-term break
 - A £30 supermarket voucher for the Christmas holiday
 - A £10 supermarket voucher for February half-term next year

Click this link [Check benefits and financial support you can get - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

- Cold weather payments - You'll get a payment if the average temperature in your area is recorded as, or forecast to be, zero degrees Celsius or below over 7 consecutive days. You'll get £25 for each 7-day period of very cold weather between 1 November and 31 March. If you are eligible, you will be paid automatically.
- Warm Home Discount - This autumn nearly three million low-income households are eligible for a £150 rebate on their winter electricity bills. Check with your energy supplier to see if you are eligible.
- 0% VAT on energy saving materials - such as thermal insulation or solar panels with 0% VAT for the next five years. To find Ways to Save Energy in Your Home you can either click on the link below or Telephone: 0800 444 202, lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 5pm.
- Boiler upgrade scheme - Grants to encourage property owners to install low carbon heating systems such as heat pumps, through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS).

All the above information can be found by clicking on this link - [Help with your energy bills - Help for Households](#)

**Should you need support, help or advice please contact:
Mrs Hibbert, Family Well-Being Champion.**