



Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart

# Get funding towards a warmer, drier, healthier home





Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart is a government programme aiming to insulate existing houses. It also provides some funding towards ‘clean’ efficient heating.

### **You can get a warmer, drier, healthier home**

Many New Zealand homes have inadequate insulation – and are cold and damp as a result. Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart – an ENERGYWISE™ funded programme – will change that for 180,000 New Zealand homeowners, whatever their income.

Better insulation means warmer, drier and healthier homes that may be easier and cheaper to heat. It’s especially important for people with respiratory illness or other conditions brought on by living in cold, damp houses.

And matching up a well-insulated home with a clean, efficient heating system means even greater comfort that costs you and the environment less.

### **You can get 33% off the cost of insulation**

If you’re a homeowner – including landlords – and your house was built before the year 2000, you can get 33% off the cost of installing ceiling and underfloor insulation, and other insulating measures up to \$1,300 (incl GST). If your home has been insulated to a level specified by EECA, limited funding of \$500 (incl GST) is available towards a clean heating system.

The average cost of installing both ceiling and underfloor insulation in an average-sized New Zealand home is about \$3,500.

### **Funding for Community Services Card holders, or their landlords**

If you’re a Community Services Card holder you can get 60% off the total cost of insulation. In some regions this may be higher, where local organisations contribute additional funding. If your home is insulated to a level specified by EECA, limited funding of \$1,200 is available towards a clean heating system.

If you’re a landlord with tenants<sup>1</sup> who hold Community Services Cards you can get 60% off the total cost of insulation. If the home is insulated to a level specified by EECA, limited funding of \$500 is available towards a clean heating system.

1. The tenant(s) must be named on the tenancy agreement.

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## What can the funding be used for?

The funding can be used to install:

- Ceiling **and** underfloor insulation, up to the required standard
- A clean, efficient heating system, if your home has been insulated to a level specified by EECA first. The heater must be for the primary living space only, and only if the primary living space does not already have a clean heating system that meets current standards
- A hot water cylinder wrap, pipe lagging, draught-stopping, and a ground moisture barrier, where necessary.

## How do I apply for funding?

You need to talk directly to a Service Provider in your area. A Service Provider is an organisation that is contracted with EECA to offer and deliver this programme. They are your first point of contact.

**Step 1** Visit [www.energywise.govt.nz](http://www.energywise.govt.nz) to find the Service Providers in your area. We recommend you approach a number of Service Providers to get comparative quotes.

**Step 2** Contact the Service Providers and arrange for a free assessment of your home. The Service Providers will provide you with a recommended solution that is right for you.

**Step 3** Service Providers will provide you with quotes, including the ENERGYWISE™ funding that you are eligible for, which is subtracted from your quote.

**Step 4** Choose your preferred Service Provider and arrange for your insulation and/or clean heating system to be installed.

## What kind of insulation can I get?

There are differing types of insulation products available and your local Service Providers will be able to give you information about the right products for your needs.

Insulation varies from:

- Fibreglass
- Mineral fibre
- Wool
- Polyester
- Polystyrene (but not in the ceiling)

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## What is a clean heating system?



Quite simply it's a heating appliance that produces little or no air pollution, and is efficient to run. There are a variety of clean heating systems to choose from that qualify for funding under the programme. They all have different characteristics and prices vary, so talk to your Service Provider about your situation.



### 4-Star AGA-rated flued gas heaters

These flued gas heaters generate a lot of heat quickly. They have a temperature control function and can be used with a timer. They are easy and convenient to use, and an added attraction if you are also using gas for other things like cooking or water heating.



### Approved<sup>2</sup> solid fuel wood burners

Efficient wood burners are a very environmentally friendly way to heat your house as wood is a renewable, carbon-neutral energy source. They produce a lot of heat, so are good for heating large spaces. They are one of the lowest cost ways to heat your home, especially if you have access to a cheap wood source.



### Approved<sup>2</sup> wood pellet burners

Wood pellet burners are the most environmentally friendly way to heat your house as the pellets come from waste wood and burn very cleanly. These burners produce a lot of heat and allow you to set the temperature. They come with a built-in fan which helps to circulate the heat.

### ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified heat pumps

Heat pumps are the most efficient way of using electricity to heat your home providing you set them to only run when you need them. They are easy and convenient to use and come with built-in timers and thermostats to control temperature.

For more information and details on running costs ask your Service Provider or visit [www.energywise.govt.nz](http://www.energywise.govt.nz)

Check the Ministry for the Environment's website to find approved burners at [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz) or ask your Service Provider for a list.

2. 'Approved' means the burners meet national environmental standards for particulate emissions and perform efficiently.



### Who can install your insulation or clean heating system?

Installation has to be arranged by a Service Provider who is contracted with EECA to take part in the programme and access funding for you. For insulation to work well it is essential that it is installed properly. A professional installation results in high safety and quality standards so the insulation performs properly and keeps your home warm.

Look out for insulation and heating providers that carry this ENERGYWISE™ Approval Mark.



### Service Providers in my area

For a list of available Service Providers in your area visit [www.energywise.govt.nz](http://www.energywise.govt.nz)

There is a lot of demand for this programme. Homeowners in some cities and regions can take advantage now, while in other areas there may be a wait as a national network of Service Providers builds to deliver this four year programme.

To find out more about Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart make sure you visit our website.





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