

The Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP)

What is it?

- Scheme which gives money to householders to help them buy renewable heating technologies.
- Similar to the Boiler Scrappage Scheme
- Householders will get a payment for installing a renewable heating device.

What will it cover?

It will cover the following technologies:

- Solar Thermal
- Air Source Heat Pumps
- Ground Source Heat Pumps
- Biomass Boilers

How much are the payments?

All Houses:

- £300 - Solar Thermal
- Houses not heated by gas from the grid:
 - £850 - Air Source Heat Pump
 - £950 - Biomass Boiler
 - £1250 - Ground Source Heat Pump

Who can apply?

- All householders in England, Scotland and Wales can apply.
- Only those off the gas grid can apply for Biomass and Ground source heat pumps.

What are the conditions?

- The house must have basic energy efficiency measures in place. TRV's, loft insulation to 250mm and cavity wall insulation.
- Must be MCS product and Installer
- Customer will be asked to fill in two surveys.
- Some will be asked to have extra meters attached to their installation.

How to Apply?

- Householders can apply from 1st August to the Energy Saving Trust.
- They then have a set number of months to redeem the voucher
- All installations must be complete and vouchers claimed by the expiry date on the voucher or 31st March 2012, whichever is sooner.

What about the RHI

- Householders who claim the RHPP will also be eligible for the RHI.
- RHI eligibility criteria have not yet been finalised and government are due to consult on them later this year, so it is possible that some further steps may need to be taken by RHPP recipients

What's next?

- Please consult the Energy Saving Trusts (EST) website at www.est.org.uk for all the necessary information and details of how the scheme works and eligibility rules.