

Energy Saving Week (October 24-28) will focus on showing consumers how they can take back control of their spiralling energy bills this winter. With financial experts including Deutsche Bank predicting that electricity and gas bills could rise by as much as 50% in the next four years, homeowners are increasingly keen to hear about ways to make their homes cosier – and save money. Royden Evans, Managing Director of PlumbNation (www.plumbnation.co.uk), the UK's leading online plumbing and heating supplies website, offers the following top tips to coincide with Energy Saving Week:

1. Invest in a high efficiency A rated condensing boiler – you could save up to £225 per annum on your average fuel bills
2. Install Thermostatic valves on radiators – allows you to precisely control the heat in your rooms and lower the heat settings in rooms that are used less frequently
3. Fit correctly sized radiators – you only need to heat the space you have. Too large a radiator will increase bills unnecessarily, but too small a radiator will be too cold and will be constantly running at maximum
4. Install a heating controller – this allows you to programme the boiler setting times for when your property is occupied – instead of heating it when it is empty. Wireless controls are cheaper to install as they have less wiring involved and also minimise disturbance to your existing decor.
5. Install a room thermostat in the coldest room of your home – keep the thermostat away from any form of heat source to avoid inaccurate readings. This will ensure your home is the correct temperature at all times.
6. Invest in a weather compensator – this allows you to gradually heat your house as weather patterns change rather than switching on the heating to full which quickly wastes energy and money
7. Regularly check and add chemical cleansing inhibitor – this helps to keep your system at optimal performance
8. Install a central heating filter – to remove sludge and limescale from the radiator system
9. Choose a high efficiency A-rated pump – up to 80% more efficient than uncontrolled circulation pumps. Pre-lagged to retain heat
10. Ensure pipes are insulated – retains heat in your central heating system and protects pipes from freezing during colder months.

* For more information or to make an order visit www.plumbnation.co.uk or call 0800 988 8116.