

<h2>Home Energy Check-up Information Sheet</h2>

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We are often asked to give advice re the cheapest energy tariff for home owners. That advice in summary is:-

- Monthly direct debit is usually the most cost effective way to pay. Quarterly billing is always the most expensive.
- Those with a smart meter can also pay by monthly variable direct debit.
- Fixed rate contract, usually one or two years, is cheaper than variable rates, unless in the unlikely event that unit costs are substantially reduced over the period.
- N.B. Sometimes there is an early exit fee for each fuel source if on a fixed term contract
- It is not now always the case that dual fuel contracts are cheaper.
- Renewably sourced electricity is not now always more expensive
- Some suppliers are offering a % of gas from renewable sources
- Energy via Pre paid meters is generally more expensive BUT a few suppliers do not levy extra charges.
- When a fixed term contract expires if you do not renew, the energy company will transfer you to a more expensive variable rate contract but this will not have an early exit fee.

The Business energy market is different. There are several Business price comparison websites from which to gain further information.