

Loft Insulation

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About Insulation

What are the benefits of insulating my home?

Insulation has many benefits:

1. Your home will be warmer in Winter (as well as cooler in Summer) and more energy efficient
2. You can make savings on your heating bills
3. Heating your home will cause lower emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), a greenhouse gas that contributes to Global Warming
4. Insulation may also reduce noise from outside your home and increase resistance to fire
5. Most insulation is made from recycled glass and is a sustainable product
6. With grants available, Loft Insulation is extremely cost-effective and could pay for itself in less than two years
7. Insulation is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to improve the rating on your Energy Performance Certificate, required as part of the Home Information Pack when you sell your home.

About Loft Insulation

What is loft insulation?

As much as 26% of wasted heat can be lost through the roof of the average home. To reduce this heat loss, a blanket of insulation material (usually glass wool made from recycled glass) is laid between and over the joists in the loft. This acts as a barrier preventing heat loss through the roof. The current recommended depth is at least 250mm (almost 10 inches).

Why do I need loft insulation?

Loft insulation will make your home warmer and should enable you to turn down your heating. This will save you money by saving energy and in turn will reduce household carbon emissions which are believed to contribute to global warming and climate change.

How much loft insulation do I need?

To meet current Building Regulations you need at least 250mm of insulation. This is usually laid as 100mm between the ceiling joists and 150mm laid over the joists. If you have existing insulation, it may be possible to top this up to the current standard (subject to survey). Grants are available for those whose loft has less than 60mm of existing insulation.

How do I find out how much loft insulation I have?

Simply push a tape measure or ruler down the side of a piece of loft insulation until it hits the plasterboard ceiling and read off the depth. If you do not want to go into the loft yourself, don't worry, the surveyor will do this when he surveys your property.

How long will the insulation last?

If it is undisturbed, the insulation will last for many years and is designed to last for the life of the house. However, regular disturbance such as lifting and re-laying may diminish the effectiveness of the insulation material. Ingress of pests such as pigeons into your loft can also result in damage to the material which may then need to be replaced.

Is the insulation safe?

Modern insulation is completely safe for its intended use. There are no associated risks.

Some people experience a mild irritation on close, prolonged contact with the material but this frequency of contact should never be necessary in the home environment.

About The Installation of Loft Insulation

How long does it take to install loft insulation?

For the average three-bedroom house it will take up to two hours. If you have a larger home it may take a little longer. Remember that many bungalows have a larger loft space than the average house.

Does it make a mess?

There will be minimal disruption to your home. The technicians will need to carry the insulation material through your home to the loft hatch. Once in the loft they will unpack and lay the material safely. They will clear and remove all tools, waste and packaging.

Do I need to clear my loft? I want to use my loft for storage, how can I do that if it is insulated to the recommended depth?

Yes, you will need to clear the loft of any unwanted items or stored objects before the insulation is installed.

Discuss your storage requirements with your InstaFibre Installer at the time of survey. They may be able to lay loft boards to provide storage space. This may depend upon the size and layout of your loft and the size of the loft hatch. An additional charge would be payable for this service.

About Grants

Am I entitled to a Grant?

Homeowners and private tenants are entitled to apply for a grant towards home insulation as part of the Government's carbon emissions reduction scheme. Those who are over 70 may qualify for a 100% grant. Those who are in receipt of qualifying benefits may have a similar entitlement. Other customers may be entitled to a grant for a significant part of the cost. Home insulation grant entitlement is subject to change from time to time, please check with your InstaFibre Installer.

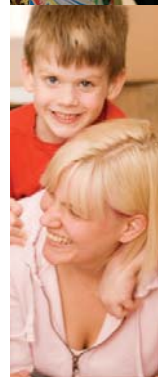
After Installation

If I have any concerns about the loft insulation, what should I do?

Talk to your InstaFibre Installer and explain your worries. They will investigate and deal with any insulation problems.

To arrange a FREE survey and claim your grant call our helpline quoting 'FAQ'

0845 602 4696 or visit www.contactinsta.co.uk



The InstaFibre Consortium

The InstaFibre Consortium is the UK's leading network of independent insulation installers and is managed by one of the UK's largest insulation specialists, InstaGroup. With more than 80 member companies nationwide, the network offers all the benefits of dealing with a local supplier combined with the advantages of major organisation support.

The Consortium undertakes insulation work on behalf of the majority of UK Energy Suppliers and is represented on a wide range of industry and governmental bodies working towards higher standards for home insulation and the elimination of fuel poverty.

As a network we ensure our installers are trained to the highest industry standards and regularly check the quality of their work. We are committed to offering excellent customer service to all our customers.

Your local InstaFibre installer is:

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