

COMPARE ENERGY SUPPLIERS

As soon as you move into your new home, or just before your current energy supply contract expires, it is a good time to consider what supplier you are with and if there are any suppliers who can offer you a better deal.

ELECTRICITY

The simplest way to check for potential savings you could make would be to use the Consumer Council online comparison tool at www.consumerCouncil.org.uk/comparison_tool/begin.

We would always recommend that you make contact directly with any supplier to ensure there have been no recent changes to the tariffs and that the quotes provided are accurate.

If you have changed supplier in the last year or two, it would be best to check with your existing supplier to ensure you are not tied into a contract and are free to switch supplier if you find a better deal elsewhere. This could also prompt your existing supplier to offer you a better deal.

If you aren't tied into a contract and have no debt built up with your current supplier, then switching supplier is very easy. All you have to do is contact your chosen supplier, provide them with your details and a current meter reading and your chosen supplier will do the rest for you.

You could also consider changing the way you pay for your electricity by using either a keypad meter or a credit meter. If you choose to pay by credit meter you could also pay less if you pay by direct debit and use paperless billing.

There are currently 5 different electricity providers throughout Northern Ireland. Full contact details for each supplier can be found below.



Power NI
03457 455455
home@powerni.co.uk



SSE Airtricity
03458 508940
customerservice@sseairtricity.com



Electric Ireland
03456 005335
customerservice@electricireland.com



Budget Energy
08000 121177
info@budgetenergy.co.uk



Click Energy
08001 070732;;
chat@clickenergyni.com

NATURAL GAS

If your home is heated using Natural Gas, then you should be able to choose between two suppliers, depending on what part of NI you live. For those living in Greater Belfast (including areas such as Belfast, Lisburn, Larne, Carrickfergus, Newtownabbey, Bangor etc.) then you can choose between the following



Firmus Energy

03300 249000

furtherinfo@firmusenergy.co.uk



SSE Airtricity

03459 005253

info@airtricitygasni.com

If you live in the Ten Towns area (including Derry/Londonderry, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Antrim, Craigavon etc.) for Natural Gas, then you can only be supplied by Firmus Energy.

SGN Natural Gas operate 'Gas to the West' which over the past few years has brought Natural Gas to areas such as Dungannon, Coalisland, Magherafelt, Enniskillen etc. Although not all areas within the 'Gas to the West' catchment currently have Natural Gas available, SGN will be working in the years ahead to provide this.

HEATING OIL

If your home is heated with Heating Oil, then there will be a substantial number of suppliers that you will be able to purchase your oil from. We would encourage all of our customers to obtain price quotes from a number of suppliers as cost can fluctuate between suppliers.

You could also visit

www.consumercouncil.org.uk/consumers/save-money/energy/home-heating-oil to get up-to-date average weekly pricing for heating oil or visit www.boilerjuice.com to purchase your heating oil online.

There is also the option to join an oil buying club in order to group your deliveries with others in your area to achieve savings. To check if there is an oil buying club in your area, contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive on 0800 111 4455 to speak to an Energy Adviser. Further information can be found at www.nihe.gov.uk/Community/NI-Energy-Advice/Oil-Buying-Clubs.