

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE STOVE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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Energy Price Cap Increase: A Modern Wood Burning Stove Can Help Households Manage Rising Costs

The Stove Industry Association (SIA) today responds to Ofgem's announcement that the energy price cap will rise by 2% from 1 October 2025, meaning the typical annual dual-fuel household bill will increase from £1,720 to £1,755*.

While modest compared to previous spikes, this increase comes at a time when many households remain concerned about rising living costs and the volatility of energy prices.

Commenting on the increase, Andy Hill, Chair of the SIA, said: "Any increase in household energy bills will be unwelcome news for families already managing tight budgets. A modern, Ecodesign-compliant wood-burning stove offers households an affordable, renewable way to take control of their heating. By using the right stove with properly seasoned wood, consumers can reduce reliance on the grid energy, keep living spaces warm and comfortable, and provide resilience against future price volatility."

Modern, Ecodesign compliant wood burning stoves can:

- Deliver highly efficient, controllable heat using renewable wood fuel.
- Reduce the need for expensive gas or electricity at peak times.
- Provide households with a reliable and affordable secondary heating option, adding energy security and peace of mind.

As the UK balances affordability and its net-zero ambitions, modern wood-burning stoves offer energy security and a proven, low-carbon solution when used correctly.

[For more information on the benefits of Ecodesign click here.](#)

*The new cap applies from 1st October – 31st December 2025. A typical household bill will rise to £1,755 per year, an increase of £35.14 annually.

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Notes:

- The Stove Industry Association was formed in 2008 and is a trade association of stove, flue, component and fuel manufacturers, suppliers and distributors, independent retailers, installers and chimney sweeps, training organisations, competent person schemes and other interested industry bodies.
- With over 230 members, the SIA represents the stove industry in discussion with government departments such as Defra and DESNZ, Welsh Government, Scottish Government, and the Greater London Authority.

- The SIA represents the UK in CEFACD, the European Committee of Manufacturers of Domestic Heating and Cooking Appliances and engages openly with all stakeholders.
- Further information on the work of the SIA can be found at www.stoveindustryassociation.org

SIA Top Tips:

- Choose an Ecodesign compliant stove such as a clearSkies certified appliance. If you currently use an open fire or an older, very basic stove, consider upgrading. A modern Ecodesign compliant stove releases up to 90% less emissions than an open fire and can be up to 80% less than some older stoves. Your local SIA Retail Group member can help advise on the best stove for you and your family.
- If you live in a Smoke Control Area, your stove will also need to be Defra exempt. All clearSkies Level 3 and above models are certified as Defra exempt.
- Visit your local stove retailer for guidance on choosing the right size stove for your property and for a detailed installation quote. You can find your nearest SIA Retail Group member showroom [here](#).
- Ensure your stove is fitted by an appropriately qualified competent person such as one who is HETAS or OFTEC registered.
- Ensure you use quality fuel. Look for the Ready to Burn logo to ensure your wood logs are at or below 20% moisture content. Never use chemically treated wood or burn waste on your stove.
- Ensure your stove is serviced and your chimney swept at least once a year – the SIA recommends NVQ qualified sweeps for the ongoing maintenance and servicing of your stove and chimney. The Federation of British Chimney Sweeps has links to all the main sweep associations. Chimney sweeps are a valuable source of information for good practice and advice.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using your stove.