



Warmer Homes Stafford Update – August/September 2019

With Autumn and colder weather around the corner, we thought now would be a good time to remind partners of the offers and services available through Warmer Homes Stafford this year.

Staffordshire Warm Homes Fund

Funding is available to install **free first-time central heating** to vulnerable and low-income households, as part of a County wide scheme. This includes households who have an existing gas connection but no central heating or where a property can be connected to the gas network for the first time. Central heating installs should be fully funded for qualifying residents. Applications via Warmer Homes Stafford. Funding available for homeowners and private tenants / landlords.

Emergency Central Heating Help

Emergency funding is available to **replace broken gas heating systems** – where a vulnerable household is in a ‘no-heat situation’ – and is left without working central heating. Target turnaround of 10 days between referral and install. Applications accepted **ONLY** through Warmer Homes Stafford. Available to owner occupiers only.

Free Gas Boiler Services

Using funding from Cadent Gas – Warmer Homes Stafford can offer **free boiler and appliance services** this winter, for households on a low income, in receipt of benefits or with a health condition who have a gas boiler or appliance that has not been serviced recently. Services are delivered by a Stafford based gas safe registered contractor. Available to owner occupiers only.

Warm Homes Discount

Most energy companies have now opened their Warm Home Discount schemes – offering **£140 energy bill discount** to low income households. Criteria varies between suppliers but is generally focussed on households in receipt of benefits or on a low income with a health condition or disability. Residents can get the full criteria and can apply through Warmer Homes Stafford.

Home Energy Checks

Warmer Homes Stafford can offer free **Home Energy Checks** to residents this winter. As well as providing face-to-face advice in the home, energy advisers can install a **range of low-cost energy measures** such as efficient LED lightbulbs, radiator panels and draught proofing measures. Available to owner occupiers, private tenants and social housing tenants. Criteria applies.

Remember – Warmer Homes Stafford can provide energy advice and support on a range of energy topics – to any residents in the Borough. Advice is free & impartial. We accept referrals on behalf of residents from friends, family and professionals – or residents can contact us directly.

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Warmer Homes Stafford is an energy advice partnership between Marches Energy Agency and Stafford Borough Council