

Warmer, Healthier Homes

Fuel Poverty Fund Scheme

Fully funded heating improvements
for vulnerable households



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What is it?

The Fuel Poverty Fund is a Council scheme to help vulnerable households with essential gas heating improvements. The Fuel Poverty Fund helps owner-occupiers to replace broken gas boilers and install new gas central heating systems where there is a risk to health from the cold and inadequate heating. The Scheme aims to create warmer, healthier homes.

If you qualify, all the work is fully funded and arranged through the Council's approved contractor.

The heating work available may include, but are not limited to:

- **Gas boiler replacement**
- **Replacement or additional radiators fitted to an existing system**
- **Full gas central heating system**
- **Fitting additional heating controls**
- **Installation of a new gas connection**

How to apply?

Go to www.wakefield.gov.uk/healthy-housing and complete an online application. Households can apply direct or be referred by a health, social care, or community representative.**

Alternatively, call the Home Energy team on **01924 305887** or email energYTEAM@wakefield.gov.uk**

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Who is it for?

The Fuel Poverty Fund is available for owner-occupiers living in the Wakefield Council district who meet the following criteria:

- You must have a heating system that is either condemned, or broken, and not providing heating and/or hot water, or that is difficult to operate due to illness/disability.
- Have savings of less than £16,000.
- Have extremely limited or no Council Tax Debt.
- Fall into one of the following groups:
 - i. Have a NET annual household income (including benefits but after deducting mortgage costs) of less than £21,000*.
 - ii. Have a NET annual household income (including benefits but after deducting mortgage costs) of less than £25,000 as well as having an illness or disability, which could be made worse by the cold*.

All applications are subject to funding and an assessment by the Council's Home Energy Team.

*There is a risk to health or making an existing cold related illness, disability, or condition worse due to inadequate heating. These may include but are not limited to asthma, bronchitis, COPD, heart attack, stroke, pneumonia, Alzheimer's, and mental illness.

**Referring agents should always seek their client's full consent before completing a referral.