

Save energy, save £££s

Welcome to the southside. Whether it's the first time you've lived in a Victorian tenement flat, or you've done it all your life, it still pays to save money on your energy bills while

making sure you keep cosy. Here are South Seeds' top tips to control your energy bills so that you can save your cash for all the good things southside living has to offer.

South Seeds' tenement top tips

DRAUGHTPROOF ... EVERYTHING

Heat escapes from your home through open chimneys, gaps in floorboards and skirting, and around windows and external doors. Fit (or get South Seeds' handyman to install) a letterbox cover, door brush and draughtproofing strips to doors and windows. Install chimney balloons and fit DraughtEx in gaps between your



floorboards and skirting. But remember, it's important to keep ventilation through

trickle vents and by opening your windows regularly when the heating is not on.

THERMALLY LINED CURTAINS

Tenement windows are one of the biggest sources of heat loss. Heavy, thermally lined curtains that reach to the floor will dramatically cut the amount of lost heat.

HOW MUCH CAN I SAVE ON MY BILLS?

If you submit meter readings to your energy provider every month you will only have to pay for what you use – letting you keep track of any savings.



FIT A CLOTHES PULLEY

The high ceilings of tenements trap warm air. A clothes pulley will dry clothes

quickly, freeing up floor space and letting your radiators work more efficiently.

CUT ELECTRICITY USE

- Replace your bulbs with LEDs
- Only put the amount of water you need in the kettle – don't overfill it
- Try to limit showers to five

minutes maximum; less is even better

- Wash your clothes at 30°C
- Turn off appliances at the wall – don't leave them on standby

