



GENERAL ELECTION 2024

WHAT ARE THE PARTIES SAYING?

Conservative Party

- Maintain the energy price cap
- Review and reform standing charges
- Increase efficiency in local markets for electricity
- Give households the choice of smart energy tariffs
- Invest £6 billion in energy efficiency over the next three years to make around a million homes warmer.
- Fund an energy efficiency voucher scheme, open to every household in England, to support the installation of energy efficiency measures and solar panels, helping families lower their bills.

Green Party

- Invest £29bn over the next five years to insulate homes to an EPC B standard or above as part of a ten-year programme
- Invest £4bn over the next five years to insulate other buildings to a high standard
- Invest £9bn over the next five years for low-carbon heating systems (e.g. heat pumps) for homes and other buildings
- Bring the Big 5 retail energy companies into public ownership.



Labour Party

- Deliver a net zero electricity system by 2030
- Invest an extra £6.6 billion over the next parliament, doubling the existing planned government investment, to upgrade five million homes
- Establish the Warm House Plan to offer grants and low-interest loans to support investment in insulation and other improvements such as solar panels, batteries and low carbon heating to cut bills
- Ensure homes in the private rented sector meet minimum energy efficiency standards by 2030.

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Liberal Democrats

- Introduce a social tariff
- Bring in new private rented sector standards of EPC C by 2028
- Launch an emergency Home Energy Upgrade programme targeted at low-income households
- Introduce a new subsidised Energy-Saving Home scheme with pilots to work out the most efficient combinations of support
- A one-off windfall tax
- Decouple electricity prices from the wholesale gas price
- Eliminate regional differences in domestic energy bills.

Plaid Cymru

- Introduce a social tariff
- Devolve the responsibilities of Ofgem to regulate the design of whole-systems energy grids and markets which serve Wales
- Establish a Welsh energy systems operator
- Support a long-term plan for retrofitting existing properties that would make them more energy efficient
- Create a new national energy company, Ynni Cymru.

SNP

- Call for an essentials guarantee to ensure that everyone can afford basic necessities like food and utilities
- Call for a statutory social tariff for energy
- Press for a significant cut in standing charges for all and removal of standing charges for anyone with a prepayment meter
- Call for a combination of the Warm Home Discount and Energy Company Obligation to create a single, flexible fuel poverty scheme in Scotland
- Introduce a fair energy pricing and rebate scheme for Highlands and Islands residents.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE ELECTION?

It's currently unclear what the parliamentary timetable will be. We are expecting the parliamentary calendar will be rewritten to change the recess dates but it's hard to predict when this will be.

There will be a King's speech quite soon after the election to set out the legislative agenda. In the 2019 election the Queen's speech happened a week later.

Party conferences in September will be crucial for setting the political agenda.

WHAT IS NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION DOING?

Before polling day:

- Briefing prospective parliamentary candidates about fuel poverty in their constituencies
- Talking to party officials ahead of manifestos
- Speaking to influential party campaign groups
- Planning an events programme at the party conferences
- Working with other charities on a plan for the first 100 days.

After polling day:

- Putting together our plans for the party conferences
- Finalising an events programme for the new the parliament
- Re-establishing the APPG Fuel Poverty & Energy Efficiency.