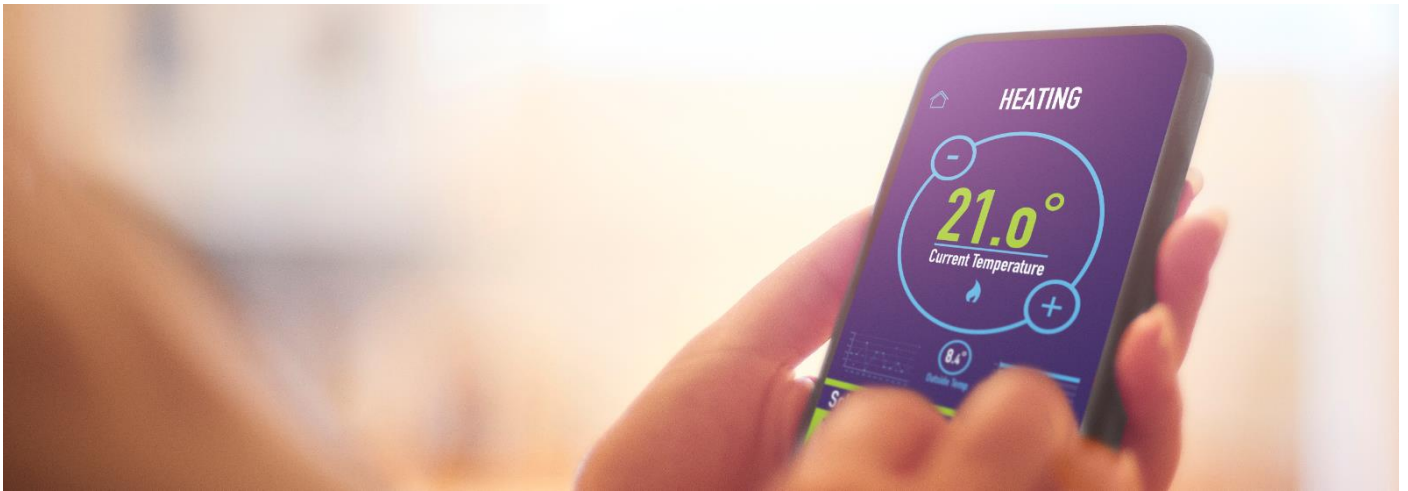


Everything you need to know about smart heating controls



What are smart heating controls?

Smart heating controls show how your home is being heated in real time. Because they use the internet, you can control your heating from anywhere, via a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Some smart thermostats also allow 'zonal control', so you can change the temperature in individual rooms without the hassle of adjusting each individual radiator. Turning off or lowering the heating in rooms you're not using will help reduce bills, especially if you live in a larger home.

They can also monitor the weather and learn your routines to predict when your heating should be turned on or off.

Smart meters are not the same as smart heating controls

Smart heating controls give you remote control over your heating system while smart meters mainly deal with your gas and electricity readings and usage.

Should I get smart heating controls?

Smart heating controls may be good for you if:

- ✓ You want to see how much heat you're using and how much it costs (depending on the app you use)
- ✓ You're tech-savvy and comfortable using apps
- ✓ You have a busy lifestyle
- ✓ You're likely to stay in the same home for several years, as you can recover the cost of installation through savings on your heating bill.

Smart heating controls may not be ideal if you:

- Don't have a smartphone or computer
- Plan on moving soon
- Rent your home (but it may be worth asking your landlord)
- Already have a programmable thermostat
- Don't like the idea of sharing your personal data.

Will smart heating controls save me money?

If you want to reduce your heating bills, by far the best and easiest place to start is to improve the energy efficiency of your home, so you don't need to put the heating on for as long. Switching electricity and/or gas supplier is another simple way to get better value for money.

Smart heating controls can help you better understand your heating routines so you can live more efficiently in your home. This could save you money in the long run.



For more information about smart heating controls, contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282

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