

Struggling with fuel bills/debt

Customers who find themselves struggling to pay fuel bills/arrears should be encouraged to contact their supplier as soon as possible. Contact numbers for the main suppliers are listed below.

ScottishPower	0800 027 0072 (from landline)
British Gas	0333 202 9804 18001 0800 072 8626 - Textphone
SSE	0345 070 7395 0800 622 839 - Careline
EDF Energy	0333 009 6992
E-ON	0345 301 5882
npower	0800 073 3000 or 0330 100 3000 0800 413 016 - Textphone

With regard to arrears, energy suppliers have to follow certain rules when dealing with their customers. They should:

- give advice on how to pay back monies owed
- offer advice on reducing energy use
- offer a payment plan taking into account ability to pay
- set repayment rates taking into account ability to pay

Home Energy Scotland may be able to provide advice and information. Contact them on **0808 808 2282**. They should also be able to provide additional information about other sources of help and support – local authority services, income maximisation/money advice, etc.

The Citizens Advice consumer service advises clients on a range of issues, including domestic energy. To use the Citizens Advice Consumer Service call **03454 040506**