

Useful do's and don'ts

DO:

- work out how to use your gas appliances correctly
- know where your gas meter is and how to switch it off
- use a fireguard if there are young children or older people in your home.

DO NOT:

- paint or adapt any gas fire or boiler case
- install a ceiling fan in a room which has a gas fire or boiler, without getting permission
- tamper with your boiler's internal controls
- dry clothes on or around a fire or boiler
- sleep in a room with a gas fire or back boiler.

For more information about gas safety please contact www.corgi-gas-safety.com

Useful Telephone Numbers

Landlord Services	
Repairs Hotline	0800 073 0184
Transco (gas emergency)	0800 111 999
British Gas	0845 600 0560
N-power	
(gas)	790 6050
(electricity)	0845 714 5146
Powergen	
(gas)	0800 363 363?
(electricity)	731 3313
Scottish Power	0800 270 0700

To ensure our services are accessible to all, documents prepared by Blackpool Council are available in large print, Braille, on audio-cassette or computer disk upon request.

We can also provide help for British Sign Language users and provide information in other languages. Please ask for details or telephone 477477.

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Gas Safety

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Your pocket and the environment



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Look after your safety, your money and the environment. Have your gas appliances and pipes checked each year, as part of your gas service safety inspection.

Gas Safety

Having an annual inspection will ensure your safety and wellbeing and that of your family and neighbours. You will have the piece of mind of knowing a qualified engineer has checked your appliances/installation for safety.

Blackpool Council has a legal duty to maintain gas appliances and installations in its properties. If you do not allow us access to your property we can take legal action to ensure entry. Such legal action costs thousands of pounds a year... money which could be better spent on other improvements.

You will be sent a letter informing you when your annual check will take place.



Your pocket

When a gas appliance becomes less efficient, it uses more gas and therefore costs you more money.

“It’s a Saturday night in winter. You get comfy on the couch, the kids are playing in their pyjamas...then the gas runs out”

If you have a pre-paid meter this may happen to you. However, a gas appliance that is serviced regularly will provide you with better value for money. This can mean less trips to the shops for your gas cards or smaller bills. It will also mean that your appliances will be less likely to break down.

The environment

Regular servicing can help reduce the level of pollutants that an appliance, such as a gas fire or boiler, gives off.

This helps to protect the environment and therefore you and your children’s future.

As part of our commitment to saving the environment, Blackpool Council is only fitting ‘Band A’ gas appliances, which work to maximum efficiency and produce a minimum of pollutants. This also fits in with new Government legislation.

To ensure your appliances work efficiently and give off minimum pollutants (carbon emissions to the environment) they require annual servicing.

Gas leaks

If you think you have a gas leak in your home, or nearby, you must contact Transco at once on 0800 111 999.

DO NOT:

- turn any electrical switches or sockets on or off
- smoke or light a match.

DO:

- turn off the gas at the meter
- open windows and doors to let the gas out
- put out any naked flames
- keep people away from the area.

Gas safety

- Gas is safe if used correctly and treated with respect.

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO:

- let our engineers into your house to do their annual check
- report any problems with gas appliances to our Repairs Hotline on 0800 0730184.

PLEASE DO NOT:

- block or take out any ventilation grills
- block any gas flues. You need to leave space around your gas appliances
- install or repair gas appliances yourself - leave it to the experts. Apart from being dangerous, you could also be breaking the law.