

## Cavity Wall Insulation

What is it and how does it work?

Cavity wall insulation is installed in properties that have a gap between two brick wall constructions. If your property was built after the 1920s, it is likely to have cavity walls. The insulation material is injected into the cavity from the outside. Properties built after 1989 usually have cavity wall insulation already in place.



If you're unsure whether you have cavity walls, you can check your property EPC here: <https://www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate>

### Benefits

- Helps retain heat inside the home.
- Potential reduction in bills.
- Can help with accessing other grants to install renewables, where cavity wall insulation is often a requirement.
- Usually installed within a half a day.
- Guaranteed with a CIGA guarantee for 25 years.

### Things to consider

- Additional ventilation can be required for installation. This will be identified during the initial survey.
- Cavity wall insulation older than 25 years may be ineffective. The removal of existing insulation is expensive.
- Rarely grant funded for flats. Freeholder permission required to insulate entire block as a whole.

### Funding Expectations with Action Surrey

**Funded:** Surveys, all necessary materials, required ventilation, labour costs, scaffolding if required, lodgement with Trustmark, guarantee costs.

**Not funded:** Removal and extraction of existing insulation from the cavities. This does not prevent the resident from arranging this privately, but Action Surrey cannot guarantee installation of cavity wall once this has been conducted, as the property will still be subject to survey.

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