Loft Insulation

What is it and how does it work?

Loft insulation is laid on the 'floor' of the loft, to prevent unnecessarily heating the space above your ceiling. Usually, the material used is mineral wool. The recommended optimum thickness for loft insulation is 270mm.

Benefits

- Helps reduce heat loss through the roof.
- Potential reduction in bills.
- Will improve your energy performance and can increase property market value.
- Can help with accessing other grants to install renewables, where loft insulation is often a requirement.

Things to consider

- The loft must be fully clear of personal belongings prior to installation*.
- Insulation between the rafters of a loft is different. This is called 'Room in Roof' and is often only recommended when converting a loft to a usable room.
- Raising the level of the loft floor could be required if loft is used for storage, to ensure the new insulation is not squashed and therefore less effective.
- Additional ventilation may be required. This will be identified during the initial survey.
- Usually installed within a day.
- Loft insulation is one of the most popular energy efficiency measures used by scammers. Beware of calls/home visits from any company claiming your loft insulation is dangerous and should be removed. Report scam calls to Trading Standards UK.

Funding Expectations with Action Surrey

Funded: Surveys, materials, ventilation, labour costs, Trustmark lodgement and guarantee costs.

Not funded: New additional boarding, loft clearance*, removal or treatment of rodents/pests, repairs to the ceiling present prior to installation, insulation between rafters (room-in-roof).

*Where a resident is unable to clear their own loft, this should be discussed with the installer. It is at the installers' discretion whether they are able to assist with this within the cost of installation.