

GUILD ADVICE

DIY MAINTENANCEAROUND YOUR HOME

STOPCOCK

Controls water supply to house.

It is usually found under kitchen sink. The water supply will need to be stopped if there is a leak or a burst pipe.



RADIATOR BLEEDING KEYS'

Use to empty air out of radiators.

To ensure they are heating efficiently. They fit into a value on the side of the radiator.

Remember to check water pressure on boiler after bleeding. If you have never done this before we recommend watching this first: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IP54Kbgnv0



SMOKE ALARM

Senses smoke from fires.

It is the landlords responsibility to ensure these are installed but tenant must maintain them: this means testing them weekly, making sure batteries are fitted and replaced (9v) and sensors are cleaned every so often to prevent dust build-up.



FUSE BOX

Controls electrical circuits for the house.

Switches should be labelled appropriate to the area controlled by the switch.

If you have a power cut check switches haven't moved



GAS/ELECTRIC METERS

Uswitch – compares energy providers so you can find the cheapest

Regularly submit meter readings to ensure bills are accurate and not based on estimates. (Ensure you are only paying for your usage)





LIGHTBULBS

Understand different energy ratings and how you can save money by using energy efficient bulbs. (£7 per year per bulb)



METER BOX KEYS

These keys (right) open the box

If meters are outside a property they will be housed in a box. Keys for gas box can be black or yellow.

