

The Green Homes Grant

This message is sent on behalf of Derbyshire Trading Standards.

Derbyshire Trading Standards wishes to notify residents about the Government initiative – the Green Homes Grant. The Green Homes Grant is a voucher which enables households to fund certain energy improvements to their house.

Briefly, the procedure requires the householder to firstly apply for a voucher and then obtain quotes from certified contractors, including one from a Green Homes Grant registered installer.

Full details about the scheme, whether you're eligible and how to apply, are below: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme#getting-the-work-done>

If your application is successful, the work must then be completed by a TrustMark-registered installer who is also registered for the scheme.

Derbyshire Trading Standards has heard about some companies visiting door-to-door offering home improvement work and claiming the grant may be available to pay for the work carried out. These claims may be misleading because if they're not registered, and if you've not applied for the voucher beforehand, you may end up paying the entire bill.

The Green Homes Grant scheme will never include representatives coming to your property uninvited or cold calling on the phone to encourage you to join the scheme. If any home improvement business calls unannounced saying they are part of the scheme, please report the incident to **Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133**.

Derbyshire Trading Standards Service advise householders to never deal with businesses who cold-call."