

What is the Green Deal?



As you may know, CO2 emissions are at an all time high and are still rising. The Green Deal is a new government program designed to tackle this issue and reduce CO2 emissions by making energy saving improvements more readily available to everyone for both domestic and commercial environments.

The Green Deal allows you to choose from a variety of different energy saving improvements and have them installed with no up-front costs. Instead the payments are added to your electricity bill and are spread out over 25 years. The costs of these payments are covered by the savings that you will make from your energy saving improvements so the improvements pay for themselves. The Department of Energy and Climate Change report on "The Green Deal – A Summary of the Government's Proposals" states:

"Estimated savings on bills will always equal or exceed the cost of the work."

This is known as the 'Golden Rule' and it means that you wouldn't receive Green Deal products if it was going to affect you financially in a negative way.

How does the Green Deal work?

Before you can sign up for anything you first need to gain some permissions. If you are a tenant of a property then you must first receive permission from your landlord and if you are a landlord then you must first receive permission from your tenants.

The Green Deal operates on a system of several stages which are Assessment, Installation and Payment. Once you have contacted a Green Deal Approved Assessor they will visit and inspect your premises. They will review your energy use with you and provide you with a Green Deal Advice Report. This report outlines the possible improvements you can make and estimates your savings.

If you are satisfied with the assessment and wish to continue to installation then you must contact a Green Deal Approved Provider (see logo

for reference). They will use your assessment results to come up with an agreement outlining your 25-year contract which will include other details such as costs and payment dates. Once the installation is complete, you begin payments on the agreed date.

The 25-year contract itself isn't tied to you; it is tied to the property hence why the payments are made via your electricity bill. The tenant is the one who is benefitting from the lower costs so the tenant makes the payments. If you ever decide to move out of the premises then you will no longer have to make the payments.

Should you ever decide to move into a property that has already been installed with Green Deal products then the Landlord is required to present you with a copy of the Energy Performance Certificate. This outlines what improvements were added to the premises and how much you will be paying should you choose to live there.





How can the Green Deal benefit you?

The main benefit of having the Green Deal improvements is the cost reduction especially now considering the current economic state. Any money that can be saved must be a good thing as you can invest this elsewhere and possibly make more money.

Another huge benefit is from the advice that you are given as this can help you co-ordinate to further reduce your energy consumption and therefore reduce costs. The energy saving improvements are great money savers by themselves but there are other ways to save energy and you can receive help doing this.

In the long-term, energy prices are likely to rise due to the high demand and low supply issue that is progressively getting worse. As you will be consuming less energy, due to your improvements, you will end up paying less than most people therefore being less afflicted by the issue.

In addition to saving money you can also get the added benefit of a more comfortable working environment. With things like insulation in your walls, floors and ceilings, your premises can be much more comfortable to work in as it will stay at a warm temperature during the winter months. With certain energy saving improvements, you can even make your office operate at a cooler temperature during the hotter periods of the year.

How can we help?

The Green Deal is currently in a voluntary state so people, like yourself, have a choice as to whether they want it or not. However in the future it is likely that the government will make this a mandatory program in which you will have to comply. They can do this as early as April 2015 providing the legislation is passed.

Logic 
Project Management

When consulting us at Logic PM, we are more than happy to arrange any ideas you may have for your project that involve the Green Deal.

We can arrange your assessor and provider and we can even adapt our designs around your energy saving ideas. We can even do all the necessary research into the best providers and assessors and make sure you get both a good price with great quality.

If you would like our help and advice on the Green Deal then please don't hesitate to call us on 0203 397 7444.

Tel: 0203 397 7444
Website: www.logicpm.co.uk
Email: nickb@logicpm.co.uk