



General information

Split the Bill and Buy Now Pay Later schemes are Council's way of assisting ratepayers with the cost of replacing non-compliant heating systems with their choice of a new clean heating solution:

- wood burner
- pellet fire
- heat pump or
- five star gas appliance.

Upgrades can usually be carried out with no capital outlay from the ratepayer. The cost of an approved upgrade will be paid by Council, with the total cost of funding the heating upgrade recovered from the ratepayer via a targeted rate over a nine to ten year period. Please see the Targeted Rate Calculation document for further information on how the targeted rate is calculated.

Council strongly recommends that ratepayers consider the standard of insulation in their home at the same time that a heating upgrade is being investigated. All heating appliances operate more efficiently and cheaply in a well-insulated home. The cost of ceiling and/or under floor insulation can be included in a Split the Bill and Buy Now Pay Later application if it is installed at the same time as a qualifying heating upgrade. It is possible that separate providers can be used for insulation and heating subject to Council approval. The Split the Bill and Buy Now Pay Later schemes cannot be used to pay for insulation only.

To encourage the removal of all non-compliant heating systems from a dwelling, and to assist home owners to install the most efficient and comfortable new heating system; if all non-compliant heaters are removed from a dwelling – there is no limit to the number of new clean heat appliances that can be installed. If any non-compliant heaters remain in a dwelling after the upgrade, then replacement is limited to the number of non-compliant heaters removed on a one to one basis.

How do I apply?

1. Check the following criteria to determine whether you are eligible for the Split the Bill or Buy Now Pay Later Scheme:
 - You must have an existing non-compliant fixed heating appliance. A non-compliant heating appliance is an open fire, multi-fuel burner, or wood burner that is not on the Ministry for the Environment's list of authorised wood burners. (This/these will be decommissioned and/or removed by the installer of the new Clean Heat appliance(s). It is important that any existing appliance(s) is/are not decommissioned and/or removed by the property owner/occupier.
 - All rates for all properties owned by the ratepayer(s) must be up to date at the time of application.
 - The clean heat solution will only be installed in an urban or rural dwelling.

- Approved dry wood storage is available if a replacement wood burner is chosen by the ratepayer as the clean heat option.
2. Read the Ratepayer Application Form and Agreement to ensure you are happy with the terms and conditions before entering into the agreement. Please ask Council staff if you have any questions.
 3. Refer to the list of the Council approved suppliers list contained in your pack and get a quote from one or more of them. Council strongly recommend that you seek a quote from at least two.
 4. Decide which Council approved provider's quote you would like to accept.
 5. Complete and sign the Split the Bill or Buy Now Pay Later Ratepayer Application Form and Agreement and return to South Waikato District Council.
 6. Council will process your request and advise you and the service provider of the outcome. If your application is approved the provider will complete the heating upgrade, and insulation installation if required, and invoice Council for the cost of the work undertaken.
 7. Once the final approved invoice is received by South Waikato District Council from the service provider we will pay them, less any subsidy.
 8. Then the total amount that the future targeted rate calculations will be based on can be set. The total investment to South Waikato District Council will be recovered over the next nine rating years that the targeted rate scheme will run for you. The total investment will include the total value of the approved service provider's contract price; the initial administration fee; first year interest and the cost of borrowing to fund the investment as defined in the agreement.
 9. You will be charged a targeted rate for this from the next full rating year which starts in July. The interest rates may change each year. The interest rate and annual targeted rate will be disclosed in your rates assessment and in the South Waikato District Annual or Long Term Plan.



The On the House scheme allows homeowners who meet certain criteria to have a non-compliant wood burner replaced with a fully subsidised clean heating appliance. The clean heat appliance is either a heat pump, or [Ministry for the Environment approved pellet fire or wood burner](#).

On the House eligibility: Home is owner-occupied; Home has open fire/non-compliant wood burner (over 10 years old); Homeowner has a Community Services Card or has applied for a Rates Rebate in the last two years; Home was built before the year 2000; Approved dry wood storage (for homes wanting new wood burners, this is checked at the time of assessment); Are located within the Tokoroa Airshed; Priority is given to homes where there are children or people with high health needs eg cardiac or respiratory problems.

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Contact the Warm Homes Coordinator on (0508 WARM HOMES) or visit www.warmhomes.org.nz