



Energy costs are increasing

A how-to on reducing high additional payments

Energy prices have been rising on the global market for months in an unprecedented way. This has affected all energy suppliers in Germany, and of course end consumers such as yourself.

What is Gewobag doing?

Within the current billing period for utilities (for the previous year 2021), we are conducting individual checks to ascertain which adjustments due to price increases are unavoidable. We currently expect the costs for heating and hot water alone to double* in 2023. We therefore recommend that you adjust prepayments accordingly now.

Please note: Even with cold operating costs, further increases in costs in addition to increased electricity costs cannot be ruled out due to rising energy costs; we currently expect an increase of at least 12 %.

* We are currently assuming more moderate cost increases for all tenants with night storage heaters.

What can you do?

We strongly recommend that you increase your monthly utility cost prepayments earlier than regular adjustments as part of your annual utility bill.

Would you like to adjust your prepayment now? If so, simply send us an email stating the new prepayment amount(s) and the date (month) of the adjustment. You are also welcome to make the adjustment retrospectively from January 2022.

How to adjust your prepayments

- 1** Send an email to: service@gewobag.de
- 2** Please provide the following information:
 - Name and address
 - Tenancy agreement number
 - Adjustment from which month
 - Prepayment cold operating costs in euros
 - Prepayment for warm operating costs in euros

Tip: Double prepayments on your warm utility costs. You will find the information in your last utility bill or, if you are a new tenant, in the rental agreement.



How to Save Energy & Money

Refrigerator

A full fridge uses less energy than an empty one: Unused space must also be cooled. Cold foods, on the other hand, act like cold packs. Do not place any warm food inside and open the door as briefly as possible. During holidays, it's worth turning off your appliance completely. Did you know? About a fifth of household electricity is used for cooling.

Cook

You can save energy when cooking by using a kettle to bring water for pasta or eggs to the boil. This works faster and requires less energy than a stove top. Put a lid on the pot - the pot size should always match the stove top. Did you know? Incidentally, the dishwasher uses less water than is used when washing up by hand. Your appliance works most efficiently when it is fully loaded.

Heating

Living areas should be at 20 °C, in the bedroom 16 to 18 °C is sufficient. Turn off the heating when you're away. Although it costs a lot of energy to heat a cold room, continuous heating is still more expensive. And ventilate properly: Instead of tilting the windows open for a long time, it is better to open them fully for brief periods! Did you know? Every degree you save, saves you around 6 % of your energy.



You can read more energy-saving tips in the online magazine at: www.gewobag.de/energiespartipps

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