

Installation of Renewable Energy Technologies

ERHA will positively encourage all residents who express an interest in introducing renewable energy into their homes.

Where any resident, either in shared ownership or rented accommodation, wishes to introduce renewable energy technologies to their home the following procedure should be followed:

- Residents must seek written permission from ERHA before carrying out any adaptations or instructing contractors to undertake work. When requesting permission from ERHA full details of the plant, equipment or technology to be used, including information from the proposed manufacturer and/or installer, together with details of all proposed alterations to the existing heating/hot water system and any structural works should be provided.
- Planning permission or building regulations approval must be sought where necessary.
- Residents should consult with their neighbours over any alteration that may have an impact on neighbouring property or land.
- Work must be carried out by an accredited installer.
- Where approval has been authorised ERHA will support residents who wish to apply for grants or funding towards covering the cost of such work.
- Any repairs and maintenance relating to the adaptation will be the responsibility of the resident.
- Residents should consider that with many renewable energy technologies it can take a number of years before financial benefits can be seen. Therefore it is only advisable for such adaptations to be carried out if the resident intends to remain in the property long term.
- Should a resident decide to move home after installing renewable energy technologies these should be left in a fully functional and serviceable condition on leaving the property. Instruction manuals and other information distributed by the installer should be left in the property for the incoming resident. ERHA will take on responsibility for any future maintenance of the appliances in rented properties. For shared ownership properties, as with all other maintenance, the responsibility will be passed to the new shared owner.
- If the adaptations increase the value of the property shared owners will only recover the equivalent of the percentage they currently own when they decide to sell.
- Residents of rented accommodation may be entitled to compensation for improvements which will be considered on a case by case basis at the termination of a tenancy.