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Solar Water Heating is the Hot Way to Save

SOLAR water heating is leading the way for eco technologies - offering twice the saving on heating bills when compared to wind power or solar electricity. You can save pounds 232 a year, compared to the nearest rival, solar-generated electricity which offers a saving of just pounds 150.

And what's more, you can get a government grant of up to pounds 400 to install it.

Kevin Brennan, head of sustainability for windows company Velux, said: "As homeowners become more eco conscious, particularly in a climate where rising fuel costs coupled with the uncertainty of future supply are proving a catalyst for change, the installation of eco technologies, such as solar thermal will play an increasingly important role.

"Solar thermal is relatively easy and inexpensive to install and can bring numerous benefits.

"Homeowners will not only be reducing the carbon emissions released by their home but they will benefit from reduced fuel bills, while prolonging the life of their boiler.

"By reducing the use of the boiler, the costs associated with any maintenance or replacement costs will also be lower."

For more information about solar heating, go to www.government-grants.co.uk.