



On a daily basis, Energia provides gas and electricity to thousands of customers and this code of practice outlines our billing processes, payment options and debt collection policies and applies to all our Electricity and/or Gas customers.

Your Energia Bill

Energia issues bills on a monthly basis. Your bill is calculated on the basis of meter reading(s) supplied by NIE or from MRSO generated reads. Customer readings may also be used where provided. As we bill to the end of the calendar month we will estimate your consumption to the last day of the month based on reads received.

Energia supports industry initiatives to improve the quality of meter reading as it is important that you provide NIE access to your meter(s). We also recommend that you provide your own meter readings from time to time to allow us to improve the accuracy of your bill and we will endeavour to remind you to do this as appropriate.

Your bill will contain detailed information the amount of energy used and other charges as appropriate (including tariffs, standing charges, other service charges, VAT and levies). It will also advise you on the total due on your account and any debit or credit balances from previous bills.

Your bill will show the period(s) you are being billed for as well as the date of issue and the date that payment is due.

Your bill will provide additional useful information such as:

- Contact details for Energia
- Meter point information provided by NIE.
- Contact details for the NIAUR

Energia provide bills to customers in an electronic format where available. All provisions of this Code of Practice will apply to this bill format.

We will notify you 30 days in advance of any tariff change. Changes in tariffs/prices will be clearly indicated through the website, letter, national press or on the bill. Where proration of bills occurs at a tariff change this will be indicated on the bill.

All billing complaints will be resolved through Energia's 'Complaints Handling Procedure'. The Complaints Handling Procedure is a separate Code of Practice which has been approved by CER and is available on www.energia.ie or through our customer contact centre. Details of how to contact us are available below.

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Payment Collection

Energia makes paying your bill as easy as possible by offering payment by Direct Debit. Payment is due 14 days from the bill issue date.

Payment difficulties and arrangements

We are sensitive to the specific circumstances of all our customers and we understand that there are times when trading conditions might affect your ability to pay. We are committed to helping you if you are experiencing genuine difficulties in paying your energy bills and, where appropriate, will offer an arrangement to pay an agreed amount by instalments.

If you are having difficulty paying your bill, Energia will make every effort to help. We will:

- Contact you by letter or phone regarding your overdue accounts.
- Consider creating payment arrangement which suits your circumstances while avoiding a deterioration of indebtedness.
- Deal with your issue sensitively and try to help you in these difficult circumstances.

Disconnection of Supply

Energia wants all customers to have continued access to electricity and/or gas, and we work to ensure that withdrawal of supply happens only as a last resort.

Energia may request NIE to withdraw supply from your site, subject to 10 days notice in writing, and in accordance with the NIE Networks Code of Practice, where one of the following conditions are met:

- Your account has not been paid.
- You break an agreed arrangement to pay by instalments.
- You do not respond to any of our correspondence/communications.
- You request us to do so.

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Disconnection of Supply Notification

A 'Final Demand' notice will be sent to you if any of the conditions above are met and will warn you of the impending withdrawal of supply. This final demand notice will specify:

- That 10 days notice is being given of the intention to withdraw supply for non-payment.
- That a cost is associated with the withdrawal and reinstatement of supply.
- Contact details for Energia credit control staff to discuss settlement terms.

In the event of any business where, in our opinion, there is a high risk of impending default, such as bankruptcy, the notice period may be removed.

The person(s) carrying out the withdrawal of supply is not authorised to accept payments on behalf of Energia as they are an agent of NIE networks. Energia will facilitate those who wish to pay immediately any bill arrears before the date notified on the Final Demand. To avoid withdrawal of supply you must agree the payment amount and payment method with Energia's credit control team. Possible payment options may include payment by credit card, electronic transfer, bankers draft, direct debit or cheque.

Reinstatement of Supply

Where the supply has been withdrawn and you (or your representative) have paid in full all outstanding arrears and charges, the supply will be considered for reinstatement. Reinstatement of supply will be in accordance with our standard terms and conditions, which may include the provision of a security deposit or other such measure that is reasonably required.

Your supply will not be withdrawn where:

- You offer to settle within an agreed timescale, any outstanding bill (including arrears) and keep that commitment.
- You are pursuing a complaint using Energia's complaint handling procedures and the complaint relates to the outstanding balance. We reserve the right to continue withdrawal for the undisputed value outstanding.

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Our guarantee

Compensation will be payable if we fail to meet our commitments in accordance with the terms of our customer charter.

Copies of our Customer Charter and other Codes can be obtained in the following ways:

- **Phone:** **9068 5900**
- **E-mail:** customer.service@energia.ie
- **Fax:** 048 9068 5902
- **Web:** www.energia.ie
- **Write:** Energia House, 62 Newforge Lane, Belfast, BT9 5NF

NIAUR

This code has been approved by the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR). NIAUR can be contacted by phone at 9031 1575 or by visiting www.niaur.gov.uk

Important Numbers

For electricity supply failure and emergencies:

Call NIE Networks 24 hours service on **08457 643 643**

For queries in your bill or other aspects of your account:

Call Energia customer care on **9068 5900**