

DIY in your home

When you move into your new home you may be keen to decorate and do other home improvements. This is a quick guide to letting you know what you can and can't do. Your tenancy agreement has more information and if you have specific questions please call us on **Freephone 0800 111 42 42**.

Q: Can I paint or decorate my new home?

A: Yes. Bron Afon is happy for you to do this. You do not need permission from Bron Afon to do this sort of work to your home. For example painting, putting up wallpaper, and new shelves. The key thing to remember is to bear in mind that when you do leave the property the fittings and furnishings we have provided must be in good condition.

Q: What do I need to ask Bron Afon for permission to do?

A: If you want to make any of the improvements listed below you must get our written permission before you start any work. If we refuse permission we will always explain our reason to you. If you do make any of these type of improvements or alterations to your home without our permission, when you leave your home, you must return it to how it was before you made the improvements. If you don't, we will do the work and charge you for it.

You must ask us before you:

- make any structural changes or additions to your home.
- install central heating or a new kitchen, bath or shower.
- install a gas fire or make any changes to water, gas or electrical installations we have provided.
- put up a satellite dish or radio aerial used for transmitting.

- add to or change any of the fixtures we have provided.
- remove, add to, or alter any fence, hedge or garden wall.
- install a hard standing.

Q: What must I repair and maintain?

A: Your tenancy agreement tells you that you are responsible for:

- hedges.
- your garden.
- hedges and trees within the boundary of your home.
- door numbers.
- sink plugs and chains.
- fuses other than those in the main fuse box.
- electrical plugs and leads to your own appliances.
- your own heating appliances.
- decorations (except after a repair by us).
- cookers or fridge provided by you.
- curtains, blinds and curtain rails.
- shelving other than fitted shelving.