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Ten smartphone apps to help you save money on your household bills

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Household bills are something we all wish we could ignore. Not only are they time consuming to deal with but they also involve handing over a lot of our hard-earned cash.

But, thanks to the wonders of the technological age we live in, there are now a whole host of apps for your smartphone or tablet to help take the hassle out managing your bills and save you money at the same time.

This is Money has done the leg work for you and scoured the app stores for the best and most useful to help you with anything from your energy bills to the cost of your weekly shop. We used user reviews on the web and the Apple and Android app stores to find the top-rated tools that people found most helpful and user-friendly.



Apps to make you happy: Could you save your self money and hassle by just downloading an app?

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Best for finding a decent plumber: Rated people

Cost: Free on Apple and Android devices.

What is it?

Finding a good builder, plumber or electrician is like finding the holy grail and once you find someone you trust it can save hassle and money.

But horror stories about being ripped off by a tradesman mid-emergency are frequent. Desperate householders usually don't have the time to search properly when disaster hits - which is where Rated People can come in handy.

The app will help you find qualified and highly rated tradespeople in your area, while you are on the go.

This is Money likes: The app lets you post jobs for a professional to respond to, keep a contact book of all of the companies you use, rate people you have employed and search for rated people in your area.