

Storage Heating



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Why storage heaters?

Storage heaters are a cost effective way of using electricity for heating, they are frequently used in areas where there is no gas supply. Storage heaters are cheaper than using electric fan heaters, oil filled radiators or radiant electric bar heaters, all of which use on-peak electricity.

ECONOMY 7

If you have storage heaters you should have an Economy 7 electricity meter. This means your electricity meter should have two dials, one for on peak electricity (day time) and one for off peak electricity (night time).

Your heating and hot water should be operating on off-peak electricity, as both heating and hot water will heat up throughout the night, when off-peak electricity is in operation.

Your electricity supplier can confirm the times of your off-peak tariff, but usually this will operate between 12.30am until 07.30am (7 continuous hours throughout the night).

Remember, where possible try to fit timer plugs to use appliances throughout the night making use of your off-peak electricity.

How to get the most out of your storage heating

In order to get the best use from this system you should look at the weather forecasts and decide what your heating needs will be for the next day.

A storage heater cannot produce instant heat but if the controls are set correctly it can provide ample levels of heating for a long period of time.

Setting your storage heating controls

Input Dial – (can also be called Charge or Auto-set Control). The input dial controls how much electricity is absorbed and stored by the heater during the night, ready to warm your home the next day. The first time you use your heating system, set the input control to between 4 and 6. You will then be able to gauge if you have stored enough electricity throughout the night to last right the way through the day. If the heating runs out

throughout the day, you will know to set the dial to 6 for the next night, as more electricity will need to be stored to enable heating to last throughout the day. If on the first day of heating you find that there is plenty of heating to last throughout the day, turn the input dial down slightly. Continue to do this until you find the correct input level for your lifestyle. There is no point paying for the heater to absorb electricity throughout the night if you are not using all of it.

Output Dial – (can also be called Boost or Room-temperature Boost)

This is the setting that controls the level of heat released into the room. Typically this should be set at number 1 during the day when not so much heat is needed, then turned up in the evening to release more heat if it is required. When the output control is set at 1 the storage heater will gradually release heat throughout the day. Turning the output dial up will release more heat. When leaving the home throughout the day always return the dial back to 1. This will ensure that the heater will retain enough heat to be released through until the end of the evening. Try to ensure by the end of the evening the storage heater has completely run out of heat. When the heat runs out and the heater has no more heat to release, before going to bed return the output dial to 1. This means that the settings will be set to work correctly the following morning.

Heating your hot water

The aim is heat as much water as possible with cheaper night-time rate electricity (off-peak) to minimise the use of the more expensive daytime rate electricity (on-peak) to top up the hot water supply.

The best thing that you can do, to ensure that your hot water retains its heat, is to have a hot water cylinder insulation jacket fitted to your hot water tank. These can be purchased cheaply at most DIY stores.

The most effective temperature to have your hot water cylinder thermostat set at is 60°C/140°F.

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کوردی

KURDISH

پهتجه رابکتشه بۆ ئەو زمانه‌ی قسه‌ی بێده‌که‌یت.
ئێمه‌ موته‌رجیمیک په‌یدا ده‌که‌ین تا به‌ ته‌له‌فون
هاوکاریمان بکات.



বাংলা

BENGLI

আপনার ভাষাটি অঙ্গুলি নির্দেশ করে দেখান।
আমাদেরকে সহায়তা করার জন্য টেলিফোনে
আমরা একজন দো-ভাষী বা ইন্টারপ্রেটার এর
ব্যবস্থা করব।



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我們將請一位口譯員在電話上翻譯。



廣東話

CANTONESE

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來幫助您。



ਪੰਜਾਬੀ

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ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਲ ਇਸ਼ਾਰਾ ਕਰੋ।
ਅਸੀਂ ਦੁਬਾਸੀਏ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਾਂਗੇ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਟੈਲੀਫ਼ੋਨ
'ਤੇ ਸਾਡੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰੇ।



فارسی

FARSI

زبانی را که صحبت میکنید نشان دهید
برای کمک، مترجم تلفنی تهیه خواهیم کرد.



Soomaali

SOMALI

Farta ku tilmaam luqaddaada.
Waxaan telifoonka ku heli doonaa
turjibaan na caawiya



ગુજરાતી

GUJRATI

તમારી ભાષા તરફ આંગળીથી ઇશારો કરો.
આપણને મદદ કરવા માટે એક દુભાષિયાને અમે ટેલિફોન
પર ખોલાવીશું.



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हिन्दी

HINDI

आपकी भाषा की ओर इशारा करें।
हमें सहायता करने के लिए एक दुभाषिये को हम टेलीफोन
पर बुलाएंगे।



Tiếng Việt

VIETNAMESE

Hãy chỉ vào ngôn ngữ của quý vị.
Chúng tôi sẽ mời một thông dịch
viên qua điện thoại giúp chúng ta.

