

Storage heaters

Storage heaters use electricity overnight to heat bricks inside the heater, these bricks then release heat during the day.

Warmer months:

During the warmer months, when there is no need for a heater, the storage heater should be switched off at the wall.

Colder months:

During colder months, the heater should be switched on at the wall and is operated as follows:

There are 2 controls on the storage heater:

Input control

This controls the amount of heat that is stored in the bricks as they heat up overnight.

A larger amount of heat stored in the bricks means that there is more heat available during the next day.

The level at which to set this requires a little experimentation, as one is predicting the temperature of the next day. Some guidelines are given on the control.

During winter months, it is common to keep the input switch on maximum.

If the outside temperature does not change much from day to day, there is no need to change the input control.

Output control

This controls how much heat stored in the bricks is released during the day.

Hence, set at a higher level, more heat is released in to the room and the room will be warmer

The amount of heat that can be released is limited to that stored in the bricks. Again, some experimentation may be required, but as a guide:

- On a low setting it allows heat to leave the heater slowly, which is ideal if you're out and about during the day.*
- On a higher setting, more heat is given out at a faster rate.*

This should be saved for when you're at home.

- Turn it back to the lowest setting before you go to bed as this will prevent the heat that's being stored up through the night from being released.