

Gas Space Heaters

Is your home cozy and warm all winter?

No? Don't worry, you're not alone. People are embracing open plan living more than ever, but heating such large spaces can be a real challenge. A gas heater is a great solution for heating a large space quickly and cost-effectively.

There are two different types of unflued gas heaters:

- **Convection heaters** rely on the natural movement of hot air, but also have a fan to speed things up. They're often electronically controlled, which means they have, for example, a thermostat and a remote control. A thermostat is particularly useful, as it provides better temperature control than the heat and fan settings on models that aren't electronically controlled. However, electronically controlled models also use standby power – some more than 10w. The external surfaces on convection heaters shouldn't get very hot.
- **Radiant-convection** models also rely on convection, but have an exposed area that radiates heat into the room. Radiant convectors tend to be cheaper to buy, but have fewer features (no thermostat, timer, remote control, etc.) than similarly sized convection heaters. They have manually operated electronic ignition (you need to press the ignition button and hold it down for about 20 seconds).

Just how much space are you heating?

The measurement of a gas heaters warming capacity isn't just about room size, it's also about how quickly the heater can warm the space. The room size and local climate will determine what size gas heater will effectively heat your room.

Installation

It is strongly recommended that a qualified gas plumber installs any natural gas appliance, as many things can go wrong.

You will also need to obtain a Gas System Compliance Certificate from your qualified gas plumber for new appliances confirming that the appliance is installed correctly. The plumber will supply Council with the green copy of this certificate.

Keep in mind that regardless what heating system you install, maintenance of heating appliances is crucial if you want to get the most efficiency out of your heating system. Maintenance includes recommended qualified servicing