

Electric and gas boiler comparison factsheet



 This factsheet should help you decide if an electric boiler could be a realistic option for your home.

Having a good boiler makes a big difference in your home, especially during winter months, so it is important to choose the right boiler for you.

Pros and Cons

If you would like to check which boiler is best for you, please contact RSL.

Electric Boilers

- ✓ Don't release waste gases, therefore no carbon monoxide poisoning risk.
- ✓ Don't require a flue through your wall to release the waste gases.
- ✓ Cost less to buy. Gas boilers tend to cost £800 – £2,500, electric ones roughly half that.
- ✓ Less expensive and quicker to install.
- ✓ Do not require an annual service and cost much less to maintain (British Gas service contracts currently cost £144 – £224 pa).
- ✓ More energy efficient (99% compared to 95% for gas).
- ✓ Smaller, so easier to locate where preferred.
- ✓ Quieter than gas and with almost no moving parts.
- ✓ Some kinds of electric boilers will heat up your radiators especially quickly.
- ✗ Electricity costs more per kilowatt hour than gas, making it slightly more expensive (even after its greater efficiency) to heat a given amount of water and thus less suited to high volume households.
- ✗ Fewer suppliers and installers are familiar with electric boilers

Gas Boilers

- ✓ Are good at heating large volumes of hot water, hence better for larger homes.
- ✓ Gas costs less per kilowatt hour so, though less efficient, most gas boilers will heat water at lower energy cost.
- ✓ Plentiful range of boilers, suppliers and maintenance companies.



If you have a gas boiler it is important to check between services for leaks, damage and unusual noises.

Should you need to replace your boiler, Nick Chriscoli, Estates Director at RSL would be happy to hear from you and to talk you through the options. He may be able to put you in touch with other owners who have already replaced their boilers. Please call Nick on 01789 292952 or email NickChriscoli@retirementsecurity.co.uk.