# Setting your storage heater

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## How Storage Heaters Work

Most storage heaters are wall-mounted and look a bit like radiators. They use electricity overnight and store heat in a set of clay or ceramic bricks to release the following day. The benefit is they use electricity at night when it's cheaper and give out heat the next day. Storage heaters work best if the home is on the Economy 7 electricity tariff.

**TIP** - Don't put furniture right up against a storage heater as this will block warm air from circulating and warming the room. Watch our online video and follow the instructions overleaf to set storage heaters correctly.

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## Controls

Most storage heaters have two controls on the top right of the heater usually under a flap. The Input control sets how much heat is stored in the heater when it charges up overnight.

The Output control opens and closes a flap at top of the heater to let heat out into the room.
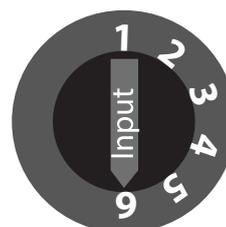
## Settings

In cold weather, set Input to maximum. As the weather gets warmer and you need less heat, turn down the Input control to store less heat.

For most economical heating, leave the Output control on a low setting during the day (lowest when you are out). Turn up in the evening if you need more heat.

Before bedtime turn down the Output control to its lowest setting to stop heat being given out while you are in bed.
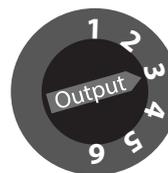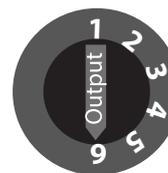
## Input in cold weather
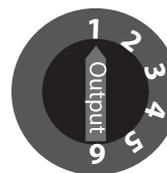


**Night**

*Set to 6 (maximum) to store heat*

## Output in cold weather



**Day - 3**  **Evening - 6**  **Night - 1**

*Use these output examples to get the most from your storage heater.*

## Safety!

You should never cover the surfaces of the heater or obstruct the air outlet grilles as this will cause the temperature of the heater to rise and the safety cut-outs to operate. Covering storage heaters could cause a safety hazard.

Make sure there's a gap of at least 15cm (6 inches) between the top of a storage heater and curtains.

Never dry wet washing on a storage heater. As well as causing a safety hazard, putting wet washing on top of a storage heater can cause condensation.