

Step 4 continued

New heating system continued

Most of the pipes from the new boiler to the radiators **will be surface mounted**, as this is the most economical way to fit them. This means that they will not be hidden under floorboards, inside walls, or boxed in. However, your installer will try to make the pipes look as tidy as possible by running them along skirting boards, or at ceiling level, or in the corner of rooms.

The rooms that must have a radiator are:

- the room where the thermostat is;
- the main living room;
- the main bedroom; and
- another living area, for example, the dining room or kitchen-diner.

You can choose the other room that may need a radiator. This may be:

- the hall;
- the bathroom; or
- another bedroom.

If your electrics need updating, you will need to arrange for a qualified electrician to complete the necessary work before Warm Front work can start.

If your installer discovers asbestos materials which need to be removed before the work can start, the grant will cover the cost of removing this.

Hidden or boxed-in pipework, extra radiators and hidden wiring

If you want the pipes to be hidden, or boxed in, this may cost around £10 to £15 a metre.

If you want the wiring to be hidden, this may cost around £5 to £15 a metre.

If you would like more radiators fitted, you must ask your installer. The extra radiators and associated pipework is not covered by the grant and will form a private agreement between you and your installer.

If you want another small radiator, this may cost around £200 to £250.

If you want another large radiator, this may cost around £250 to £300.

Please remember that these are guide prices only and may vary. Please ask your installer about this. (Not all installers will fit extra radiators for you.)

Thermostatic radiator valves

Your installer will only fit thermostatic radiator valves to the radiators they fit. They are usually fitted at the top of the radiator to make them easier for you to reach. If you would like them to be fitted at the bottom of the radiators, please discuss this with your assessor or installer.

The radiator in the room where the room thermostat is fitted will not have a thermostatic radiator valve fitted. This will normally be the radiator in the hallway.

Showers and taps

Because of the change in water pressure, some shower systems will not work the same as they did before the central heating was installed. Gravity showers will need a new mixer unit for them to work correctly. If this happens you will need to buy a new mixer unit – this is not covered by the grant. Your installer will be able to give you advice on this.

If we have recommended a new heating system and the boiler is different to your old boiler, there may be a rise or fall in hot-water pressure which may lead to water dripping from your tap. After carrying out the work, the installer will check your taps and repair any drips they find. You will need to fix any drips that happen after the installer has left your home.