

Electric Fire Installation

Why are we installing electric fires as opposed to gas?

Health and Safety legislation is becoming even more stringent regarding gas installations and working at height. This legislation affects all new build specifications, private landlords and Housing Associations alike.

It has been identified that our flues and chimney's in our properties do not comply with the new legislation needed to fit a gas fire. To change our flues and chimneys to meet with this new legislation in order to fit a gas fire, would mean considerable upheaval and disruption to the tenant due to extensive construction works and significant costs to the association.



To comply with this Riverside has introduced an investment programme to replace our older central heating and fire installations with more modern, efficient and compatible heating systems and focal point electric fires.

Some tenants have asked whether they can fit their own gas fire but the responsibility of installing a gas fire, under this legislation, now lies with the individual gas fitter and not the employer. Any registered gas fitter found to be installing a gas fire would be personally accountable and would be risking their registration and employment.



Surround - Maple

There is a varied choice of finishes available of both fires and surrounds to suit all tastes which were chosen by our tenants' panel.



Surround - Mahogany



Surround - Oak



LED Fire - Gold



LED Fire - Chrome



LED Fire - Black

When your gas fire has been identified for replacement you have the choice of having the fire removed entirely and not having a fire at all.

Modern electric fires are much more **EFFICIENT** and better presented than early basic models hence their increased popularity. Running costs of gas and electric fires are generally comparable. However, electric fires are 100% efficient as opposed to gas fires ranging from 40-60% efficient. This means **ALL** of the heat from an electric fire warms the room whereas approximately **HALF** of the heat

from a gas fire escapes up the chimney – that's up to 60p in the £ **WASTED** ! In addition to this electric fires are **SAFER** and have no risks associated with carbon monoxide poisoning.

The installation cost of an electric fire is less than that of gas and they also require less maintenance and servicing over their lifecycle. This means that they provide the association and customers far better value for money which in turn means we can invest your money in providing better and new improved services for you.

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