

Managing Home Energy Costs

Efficient use of Zonal Electric Heating

If your home is equipped with a heating thermostat in each room or zone, then you own one of the most flexible and energy-efficient heating systems ever developed – a Zonal Electric Heating System. Installed in a fully weatherized home or apartment, zonal electric is one of the most economical heating systems available. That's because every room is individually heated, giving you heat where and when you want it. Since zonal heaters are located entirely within the rooms they are heating, all of the heat produced by the heaters stays in the room. There are no leaky ducts losing heat to the outside. Here are some tips to help you get the most comfort and value from your zonal heating system.

Use interior doors

Turn down the thermostats and close the doors in unused rooms to keep the heat in rooms where you want it. Zonal heat gives you the flexibility to heat only the rooms that you are using.

Vacuum grills on forced air zonal heaters

This small but important task keeps fans running clean and quiet for many years.

Set the thermostat at the desired temperature

To warm up a cold room, set your thermostat at the desired temperature – *no higher*. Turning your thermostat all the way up to the highest setting on a cold morning will not heat your room any faster than if it is set at 70 degrees, and will waste energy.

Turn the thermostat down at night

For best comfort and optimum savings, turn your thermostat down at night; between 55 and 60 degrees. If you have a central setback switch in your home, adjust all room thermostats to desired temperatures when occupied. To turn down the heat in any room, move the switch to the setback position (8-10 degrees). To return temperature control back to the room thermostats, simply reset the central switch to the neutral (non-setback) position.

Assure heat flow

Keep areas around zonal heaters clear of furniture, drapes and anything else that could block air circulation or cause heat build-up.

Ductless Heat Pumps

Ductless heat pumps are available to heat and cool the main zones in your home. Ductless heat pumps provide substantial savings on your heating costs, and also air condition in the summer, increasing the comfort in your home.

Rebates Available: Monmouth Power & Light (MP&L) offers substantial rebates to help customers save energy and make their homes more comfortable by installing a Ductless Heat Pump.



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