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Purchasing a new boiler is a significant investment. Just popping by the nearest hardware store is not the most secure option. The task requires planning. Water, this aspirational and precious facility of a fresh flow from a beautiful tap into a bubble bath or power shower along with your heating is easily achievable; with a bit of thought.

Things to consider are how much space you are heating, where you can put the boiler, installation, how much heat you will need, i.e. how will the cooker and bath, steam room be powered. There are several heating options to consider that will affect your boiler choice. The significant balance to find is between efficiency, cost and the carbon footprint; if this is a consideration as well.

Considering space: an approach for heating a large house is central heating, heating a small flat would might be best served with storage heaters and a clothes dryer. Heating a cottage may be best served with wood burner, canister gas or oil.

If you are choosing to have a boiler the options to choose from are: combi-boilers, heat only boilers, system gas boilers, or back boilers. These support different needs. Combi-boilers are efficient and reliable. They heat the water with super hot jets as the water flows through the pipes into the heating chamber. This negates the need for a storage tank although the hot water will take a few seconds to reach the outlets. Heat only boilers offer a more space efficient option if a boiler will not fit, then the boiler can be divided up into storage tank, cold water top up and control box. System gas boilers are a between option meaning there is still a storage tank and immediate heating in the pipes. This means hot water is constantly in the pipes, available immediatly at the tap. A back boiler is situated behind your gas fire and is best if you want to mainly heat that room in which it is situated. This also comes with a storage tank. This may be best if heating the whole building would be excessive. This would apply if the part of the property is only used part of the time.

The mode of payment is related to your lifestyle and housing. A flat may benefit from a gas and electricity meter, as may an energy conscious house. Check with your local newsagents to make sure you can get the electricity and gas payment cards which you insert in the meter. A cottage may still benefit from delivered gas, though electricity should be available in most areas of the country. It is advisable to check this with the national grid before buying remote properties. If free flowing heating and electricity is your priority or these other possibilities are not an option then billing for gas and electricity is your best option.

Business properties also need to consider the different options as business electricity tariffs differ to domestic ones. Businesses get a discounted rate due to tax breaks.

These options cover the basic considerations which should be thought of when installing a new or upgrading an old boiler. The options are extensive in order to support the variety of needs for different properties. The ways of payment are very flexible. Attention should be paid to whether your building is a business or a domestic property.

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