When the shower was introduced in to society it was a marvel that transformed our lifestyle for the better. It was not only a new faster method of washing in comparison to the bath but it also provided us with a more vigorous and refreshing appeal, furthermore it allowed us to save money on water consumption.

Today the shower has evolved again offering a range of applications suited to any home. You can opt for the simplistic electric shower or for something a little more technical such as the power shower. Know these may seem every day symbols that you see online or in the plumbing merchants but do you really know the difference?

It can be pretty confusing knowing which shower is best suited for your needs. The short of it is that an electric shower provides you with hot water instantly as soon as you turn the system on. The way in which the electric shower works is all through a high powered heating element that heats the cold water as it circulates all in a matter of seconds giving you a continuous supply of hot water.

The power shower works in an entirely different way to the electric shower, it is actually fed by a cold water feed coming directly from the water tank fitted in your attic and a separate hot water feed coming directly from a boiler or immersion heater. The main difference is that it takes time to heat the water and the water pressure is much stronger and this is why it is referred to as a power shower.

However when it comes down to cost these systems are entirely different!

The majority of people will agree that the electric shower tends to be the cheaper option. This is largely due to the fact that the electric shower only uses electricity whilst it is in use. As soon as you turn the system off the cost also stops straight away. However the immersion heater or gas boiler must be switched on first to heat the water and this can take a good hour or so to ensure you have heated the water up to the desired temperature to enjoy a good showering session.

Another reason why the power shower can result in costing more is that the majority of people who turn on their immersion heater or boiler will at certain points forget to turn it off so again it is continually costing you money. There are many tips in which you can use to ensure you reduce this heating bill such as installing a timer. With the timer you have the ability to set the immersion to a desired time ensuring you do not forget to turn it off! Also it is wise to set the immersion to heat the water up at around 6am for an hour (this is off-peak and therefore cheaper). Most water tanks are insulated and therefore will keep the water hot until you get up and have your morning shower.

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