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## Update your BATHROOM RADIALTOR

From traditional to modern, the latest models can transform the look of your space, keeping it warm and dry

**P**icking the right heat source will make all the difference to the look and feel of your bathroom. Whether you opt for a full-size radiator or a designer towel warmer, there are hundreds of options and styles to choose from. Full-size radiators are available in a wide range of designs, from classic Victorian to cutting-edge sculptural pieces. Tall designer radiators are especially popular and give a large blank wall a central focus away from the bath suite. Shiny chrome or stainless-steel rails suit most contemporary bathrooms, while white towel ones work better in a traditional setting.

Your choice of radiator will greatly depend on the size of the bathroom. A simple towel warmer should be enough to heat a tiny room, but a big space may require a combination of heat sources. To work out the power (measured in BTU or watts) of radiator you need for the size of the room, ask your plumber or search online for a simple BTU calculator. Input a few details – dimensions, number of windows etc. – and it will give you a figure instantly.

If you already have a central heating radiator in the bathroom, you should only need a relatively low-powered towel warmer, with prices from £80. You could also consider an electric or dual-fuel design, so you can keep towels warm even in summer when the main heating isn't needed.

It is also important to consider how much wall space is available in your bathroom. A full-size towel radiator that can heat a large room will need most of a wall for itself. Smaller rails can be wall-mounted at waist height, leaving space below for storage, while narrow rails can suffice otherwise.



LUXURY STYLE The L0016, 120 BTU. Frequency steel towel rail (H59xW70cm), from £1,600. Vogue UK



FLOOR STANDING For an elegant look, choose the Artadia 1458 BTU radiator (H81xW61x D23.5cm), Adson Bath Company

### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- **Steel radiators** These heat quicker compared to traditional cast iron, but cool down faster. Modern aluminium radiators heat fastest and require less water, making them energy efficient.
- **Glass designs** Becoming popular, they work with electricity and can be printed with images for a bespoke finish.
- **Chrome or high gloss** This type of radiator looks good, but doesn't conduct heat as well as white and matt designs.
- **There's strength in numbers** Two separate single radiators are actually more efficient than one double.
- **Heat output** Most radiator companies will have a BTU/watts calculator on their website. Ideally you want to choose a radiator that has an output that is just above the heat-loss value.

As your radiator options are increasingly vast, here are some tips for spare towels

£550 - £750



CHOICE OF COLOURS

**ECO FRIENDLY**  
Available in a palette of more than 200 colours, the Blok recycled aluminium radiator (shown in coral) from Bisque uses less energy to heat up and is fast to respond to changes in room temperature.  
• From 3,079 BTU  
• H59xW70cm



**STEEL STYLE**  
The 50cm-wide Stratos stainless-steel radiator from The Radiator Company is available in 75cm, 120cm (shown) and 150cm heights and offers an asymmetrical take on the classic towel warmer.  
• 1096 BTU/321 watts  
• H120xW50xD10.5cm



**PRACTICAL POWER**  
Powerful and elegant, the Alu from MHS is a curved aluminium radiator available in a range of colours. Plus, it has a choice of four towel bars for extra practicality.  
• Rails from £308 each  
• 4,500 BTU/1,319 watts  
• H180xW37.5cm



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