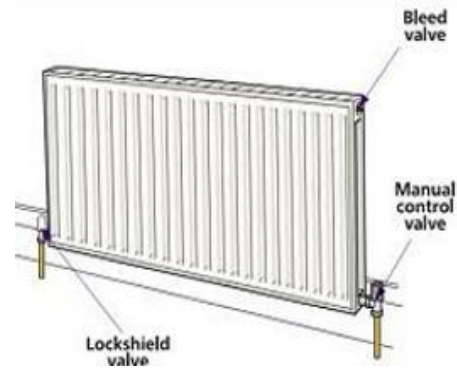




Do my radiators need bleeding? – By Stan's Prop



Many homes today are installed with gas central heating with water filled radiators to heat the rooms. Maintenance is an essential part to ensure both the longevity of the system but more importantly its efficiency, the maintenance may involve bleeding your radiators.

Spotting the signs you may need to bleed a radiator

It's important and easy to spot the signs that you may need to bleed your radiators. Due to the heating system being filled with water, over time and use air bubbles can get into the system. When this happens it stops the hot water from being circulated effectively resulting in a fall in efficiency and not heating the room as required. Bleeding the air from the system can elevate this.

A good indication that this has happened is if you have certain radiators that aren't fully heating up when your central heating is on. Each radiator should heat completely to the top and should be equal across its surface. If air is in the system individual radiators may not heat up at all or only be hot at the bottom.

How often should I bleed my radiators?

Bleeding radiators is straightforward with the use of a radiator key which can be purchased from most DIY shops. This key is used to open the air valve at the top of the radiator to expel the air from within, so the water fills right to the top. If you have not done this before, we would be more than happy to come and show you how and leave you with a simple 'How To' Document with simple instructions for future reference.

This procedure shouldn't need to be done very often and should only be carried out if you have identified a cold spot in a radiator. If you find that this is something you are experiencing regularly then it could be an indication of an underlying problem, a leak for example or a water pressure problem. Should this be the case then it may be time to seek some professional advice.

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