

re you a morning person?

Do you enjoy cold, dark winter starts? If not, chances are that your shower is your best friend.

No matter how tired, run down or bleary-eyed you might feel when you first step into it, a quality shower has the power to transform, refresh and revitalise, Put simply, a good shower brings you back to life. But what happens if your shower loses its power? Or, worse still, your current bathroom doesn't even have one?

That's where Thames Water can help – we offer a range of top quality showers, fitted by experts. Here are the answers to four questions you might ask before buying.

I've got a bath. Why should I switch to a shower?

Showers are well known for their therapeutic benefits but they can also cost less to use than baths. A shower is quicker because you don't have to wait for the bath to fill and, with an electric shower, you only heat the water you use. Showering instead of bathing can save up to 400 litres of water a week! That's a big saving on both water and electricity.

OK, what kind of shower should I go for?

There are many different types of shower available. As well as the simpler models, some have massage pads attached to the nozzle, while others have a wide spray zone that will suit larger showers – or larger users! However, your choice of shower system will largely depend on your method of hot water supply. For instance:

- If you have a good supply of stored hot water, such as a cylinder in your airing cupboard, you can choose from a mixer shower, a power shower or, if you want to conserve your stored hot water, an instant electric shower.
- If you have a combination boiler then you will be limited in your choice of shower. You'll only be able to get a mixer shower or an instant electric shower and not a power shower.

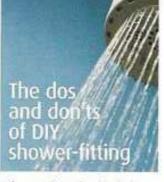
Am I able to update my existing, inefficient boiler?

Yes. In addition to our large range of showers and shower heads, we can also supply a range of state-of-the-art Worcester Bosch boilers. A new gas-fired combination boiler will ensure that you have hot water on tap when you need it, rather than having to wait for a storage tank to refill and heat up – not what you need when it's cold. What's more, it's environmentally friendly, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and can cut your hot water bills by 30% – a saving that will really show in your pocket!

I didn't know that Thames Water did all this. What else can they do for me?

We can do a lot more than you think! We've worked hard to offer a range of services to customers that are guaranteed to give you the best shower and peace of mind, too. These services include:

- A choice of ways to pay, including six months' interest-free credit (subject to status).
- Installation by an approved and CORGI-registered engineer or NICEIC electrician, including all parts and labour.
- Complete after-sales care for the shower you choose, in addition to a two year guarantee with all installations.



Unless you're trained in fitting showers, doing it yourself can not only be frustrating and costly – it can also be downright dangerous. The chief danger is electrocution – so, please be careful. However, if you do decide to give it a go, here's a few important tips...

- Never bring portable appliances such as power tools or radios into the bathroom
- Do not allow children to play anywhere near the bathroom while installing the shower
- Always seek professional help if fitting an instant demand electric shower



Your mini makeover

Splash out on some new accessories and products for your bathroom and it'll feel like a completely different space...

1 Seagrass mirrors, by The Cotswold Company, from £29.95 (0870 600 3436).

2 Candle holders, by Habitat, from £2 (0845 601 0740).

3 Bathroom Egg scales, by Viceversa, £29,95 (01886 821 201).





- 4 Shower curtain, by Widget, £26.75 (020 7640 9290).
- 5 Space NK Fau de Tollette, £29 (www.spacenk.co.uk).
- 6 Waffle border towels, by The White Company, from £15 (0870 900 9555).
- 7 Seagrass drawers, by The Cotswold Company, £36.95 (0870 600 3436)







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Arrange for a free quote and you'll be entered into a free prize draw to WIN a brand new shower, including installation worth £1,500! Call 08456 020 820

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