

Fact sheet

Extractor fans

What are extractor fans?

Extractor fans are mechanical devices that help to remove stale, humid, and polluted air from rooms like kitchens and bathrooms where there's a lot of moisture. They help to maintain a healthy, comfortable, and safe environment in your home.

Why are they important?

Kitchens and bathrooms generate large amounts of moisture from things like showering and bathing, cooking, boiling kettles and washing clothes and dishes. Without proper ventilation in these rooms, the moisture can become trapped indoors and lead to condensation, damp and mould.



Extractor fans also help to get rid of unpleasant smells from kitchens and bathrooms and stop odours such as cooking smells spreading to other rooms in your home.

What do extractor fans do?

Modern homes are more airtight because they usually have good insulation and draught-proofing measures which can reduce the natural air flow and trap moisture indoors.

Extractor fans help to prevent mould growth by controlling humidity levels, which helps to protect your paintwork, walls, furniture and belongings. This in turn helps create a healthier living environment in your home.

They also support compliance with Building Regulations.

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