



DATE 1 November 2023

SUBJECT Switching to the heat loop

Dear resident,

The Netherlands is going gas-free. This has been agreed since gas extraction is bad for Groningen and the environment. In Gorecht-North, it is likely that we will be able to heat homes without natural gas as early as 2025. We will do this using the heat loop. We will build this if at least half of the home owners register. If you register by 31 December 2023 at the latest, you will pay no connection fee. If you want to take part, please complete the letter of agreement.

This is what will change

You will be able to connect your home to the heat loop by 2025. Your gas boiler will then be replaced by a heat boiler. With a heat boiler you get heat from the heat loop. This heat comes from the heat supplier's heat plant. The hot water flows underground to the homes through well-insulated pipes. A heat meter measures exactly how much heat you use. You use a room thermostat to turn the heating on or off and control the temperature. This boiler provides heating and hot tap water for your kitchen and shower. Just like it does now. The gas supply will then be disconnected and the gas meter will be removed. Waterbedrijf Groningen Duurzaam will probably be your heat supplier.

Register now and pay no connection fee

If you register by 31 December 2023 at the latest, you will pay no connection fee. This is after receiving the special subsidy (ISDE) of €3,325. Removing the gas connection normally costs almost 900 euro, but is also free* for a limited period.

If you still cook on gas, €1,000 per home is available for a limited time to switch to cooking with electricity. You will also receive a voucher worth €100 to buy new pans. You can apply for your induction cooker at www.gasvrijgorecht.nl/inductie or come to a drop-in session. We will then help you with your applications.

The price of heat from the heat loop is always less than the price of gas

As with gas, the price for heat consists of two parts: the consumption and the standing charge. You will be given a price for heat no later than December each year. This price is *always lower* than the price of gas at that time. After that the price is fixed for one year. That means you can be sure that the price will not go up in between, but will also not go down. The standing charge goes up a little bit each year, just like gas.

The table below compares the prices of gas and heat without a price cap for a year based on the methodology used by the Authority for Consumers & Markets (ACM). To give a good comparison, we have used an average gas consumption of 1250 m3 of gas per year. If your gas consumption is different, come to a drop-in session and we will do the price comparison for your annual consumption.

	Price of gas on 1 October 2023**	Price of heat for Gorecht privately owned homes***
Consumption	€2,113.40	€2,007.73
Standing charge	€203.56	€432.94
Boiler power consumption	€130.21	€65.10
Boiler costs	€359.03	€140.88
Total	€2,806.20	€2,646.65
Saving		€159.55

Additional allowance

If your low consumption means that you are nonetheless paying more than with natural gas, you will receive an additional payment for as long as you live at this address. You will also receive a payment for any switching penalty imposed by your energy supplier or cancelling the rental of your central heating boiler.

More details

We think it's important that you have enough information to make a choice. Enclosed with this letter is a leaflet with more details. It also provides answers to the most frequently asked questions.

Want more information? Then come to the meeting on the evening of Thursday, 16 November

On the evening of Thursday, 16 November, we are holding an information meeting for all home owners. The meeting starts at 7:45 p.m. At this meeting we will provide you with further information about connecting to the heat loop, the boiler and the costs. You can also ask your questions here. The meeting will be held at 't Hoogholt, Donker Curtiusstraat 159a Hoogezand. You are most welcome to attend. There is no need to register.

Not available on 16 November? Come to a drop-in session

If you have any questions about connecting to the heat loop, come to our drop-in session: every Monday between 15:30 and 17:00 in the common room at De Reenske Compagnie, Tak van Poortvlietstraat 361 Hoogezand. You can also make an appointment with Maarten from Gasvrij Gorecht. He can be contacted by phone on (06) 15 57 50 22 until 7:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday. You can also email info@gasvrijgorecht.nl.

Will you register?

You have received a letter of agreement from us. By signing this, you indicate that you want to switch to the heat loop. This is subject to the condition that the price of heat from the heat loop will always be cheaper than the price of natural gas. By completing the letter of agreement, we will know how many home owners want to take part. We would also like to know if you do not want to take part. At least half the home owners need to take part in order to build the heat loop.

Will you register? Please hand in your letter of agreement during the information session. Or drop the letter into the letterbox for Maarten of Gasvrij Gorecht, Sportterreinstraat 58. You can also return the letter of agreement in the enclosed reply envelope. No stamp required.

Kind regards,



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English letter
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Türkçe mektup

Enclosed: letter of agreement and leaflet

** This is determined by grid operator Enexis and may change.*

*** The price of heat for privately owned homes in Gorecht is an example based on the price of gas on 1 October 2023 from energy supplier Essent and an annual consumption of 1250 m³ of gas. The price of heat is always 5% lower than the price of gas in December, as determined by the ACM.*

**** This is the price based on the heat price on 1 October 2023. ACM sets the rates in December every year. Based on the December 2022 tariffs, the price for heat from the heat loop would be higher.*



Letter of agreement Gorecht-Noord Heat Loop

You can connect your home to the heat loop. You have been informed about this by means of a letter (dated 1 November 2023) and the leaflet 'Warmtering Gasvrij Gorecht' ('Gas-Free Gorecht Heat Loop') and you have been invited to attend an information evening and/or a drop-in session. The letter and leaflet set out what will change and what it means for you.

If you want to take part,

- **YES**, I want to take part and connect my home to the heat loop. I will not pay anything extra compared to the price of natural gas.
- **NO**, I do not want to take part and will not connect my home to the heat loop because:

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Home owner's name : <name>
Address : <address>
Postcode/Town : <postcode> <town>
Telephone number :
Email address :
Home owner's signature :
Date :

Please return this letter of agreement as soon as possible, and no later than 31 December 2023.

Thank you in advance!