

Further information

We can imagine that you want to know how much you will pay. To find out how much the heat loop will cost in your situation, you can visit a drop-in session. We will then produce a calculation for your specific situation.

For more information, visit
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watch the animation
about the heat loop here



Will you sign up?

The Netherlands is going gas-free. In our municipality, the focus is on rental and privately owned homes first. We are helping residents to save gas and therefore money. And in a number of neighbourhoods we have started replacing natural gas with an alternative heating solution. Including your neighbourhood. The housing associations are improving homes and together we are developing the heat loop for a new form of heating.

Great things are happening in Gorecht-North. And you can take part. If we all pull together and help each other, then we can say goodbye to gas in your neighbourhood in 2025. That's good for Groningen, the environment and your wallet. Will you sign up too?

Alderman Erik Drenth

Frequently asked questions

Why do we need to give up natural gas?

Gas is bad for the environment and causes earthquakes in Groningen. The goal is for 1.5 million homes to be gas-free by 2030, and all homes in the Netherlands by 2050.

How does the heat loop work? A heat loop is an underground network of well-insulated pipes through which hot water flows to homes and other buildings. We have created an animation explaining the heat loop.

You can find it at www.gasvrijgorecht.nl

Is my property suitable for the heat loop?

Any property can be made suitable for heat from the heat loop. If you have questions about this, please contact us.

Where will the boiler be located?

This may vary for each property. In most cases the boiler will replace the central heating boiler or water heater.

Can I heat my home just like I do now?

Yes. The radiators in your home will continue to work just like they do now.

Can I control my heating myself?

Yes, your boiler has its own room thermostat that allows you to set the temperature.

Does the boiler also produce hot water for the kitchen or shower?

Yes. Just like a central heating boiler, the boiler provides heating and hot water.

What is the benefit for us? Your new boiler will last for many more years. And you will be heating without gas. That's safer. In the near future we will be heating all homes without natural gas. You will have made that switch already. In addition, dangerous carbon monoxide can no longer be released in your home. That can happen with a gas boiler.

What if the power goes out? Any heating system needs power, whether it's the existing gas boiler or the new heat boiler. In all cases, the power outage will be resolved by Enexis. They are the manager of the power network.

What happens if ESKA shuts down or pauses production? We are building a heat plant to heat the water. We will use residual heat from ESKA to heat the water here. If ESKA is not operating, we will use green gas to heat the water. So it will always be warm in your home.

Who will I pay the bill to? You enter into a contract with your heat supplier for the supply of heat. This will probably be Waterbedrijf Groningen Duurzaam.

Can I view my consumption or change the advance payment myself? Yes you can. You get your own heat meter that measures and shows exactly what you consume. If you want to change anything, you can notify this to the heat supplier.

What if it gets really cold? Will we still be warm? Definitely. Just like your central heating boiler keeps you warm now.

Does a heat loop require major building work? No. We do need to lay the pipes to your property through the street, your garden or driveway. Pipework also needs to be modified in the property.

Who will pay the penalty for cancelling my energy supplier and/or central heating boiler rental? Cancel your contract on time. If you are fined you will receive compensation for this from us.

Do I have to decide now whether I want to be connected or can I also do so after 31 December 2023? You can also decide after 31 December 2023. But you may then have to pay a connection fee.

Can I also connect to the heat loop after 2025? That may be possible, but we cannot tell you when. Connecting after 2025 will cost you money.

What should I do if my current central heating boiler breaks down before 2025? In that case we recommend that you rent a central heating boiler with a contract that you can cancel on a monthly basis.

Who owns the boiler? The heat supplier owns the boiler. You pay a rental fee for this.

I am saying **YES** to the heat loop

because it is better
for Groningen and
for my wallet



Will you sign up too?

Learn more about your connection to the heat loop and the costs in this leaflet



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What will we be paying?

What is a heat boiler?

Will it still be just as warm in my home?

It has been agreed in the Netherlands that homes will not be heated with natural gas in the future. As a resident of Gorecht-North, you can stop using natural gas as early as 2025. That is better for Groningen and for the environment. But also for your wallet. It is very likely that a heat loop will be installed to heat the homes in your neighbourhood. Including your street, if more than half the residents sign up. You probably have questions about this. For example: What will I be paying? What is a heat boiler? And will it still be just as warm in my home?

In this leaflet we address these and other questions. You can read the answers at your convenience. You can find more information on our website www.gasvrijgorecht.nl. Or visit a drop-in session. We will be happy to answer your questions.



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English

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A warm home with the heat loop, will you sign up?

Likely, your home is currently heated by a central heating boiler. In the future we would like to connect your home to the heat loop. There is a good chance that this will become a reality. Especially if as many people as possible sign up. If half the residents in your street agree, the heat loop will come to your street as well.

You have received a letter of agreement from us. By signing this you can 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. To participate, your property must have at least energy label A, B or C.

The final contract for supplying heat is likely to be with Waterbedrijf Groningen Duurzaam. You will receive a proposal for this when the heat loop is nearing completion. The proposal will comply with the conditions set out in the letter of agreement.

Your heat supplier

Waterbedrijf Groningen Duurzaam will probably be your new heat supplier. This is a publicly-owned heat supplier. It is a social enterprise, which is not for-profit. As a result, you will pay a fair price. The cost of heat depends on your consumption. Consumption costs are always lower than those for gas. This is because heat from the heat loop is cheaper than gas.

In addition to the cost of your consumption, there are also fixed costs. We call this the standing charge. This pays for the operation, management and maintenance of the heat loop. The costs of this are higher than for gas. But you will no longer have to buy a boiler yourself. That is because these costs include the rental of the boiler and the heat meter. Your gas boiler or water heater will be replaced by this new heat boiler which will remain the property of the heat supplier. You therefore do not need to take out a maintenance contract.

A sample calculation is shown on the next page. In this we compare the price of 1250 m³ of gas with the price of the same amount of heat from the heat loop.

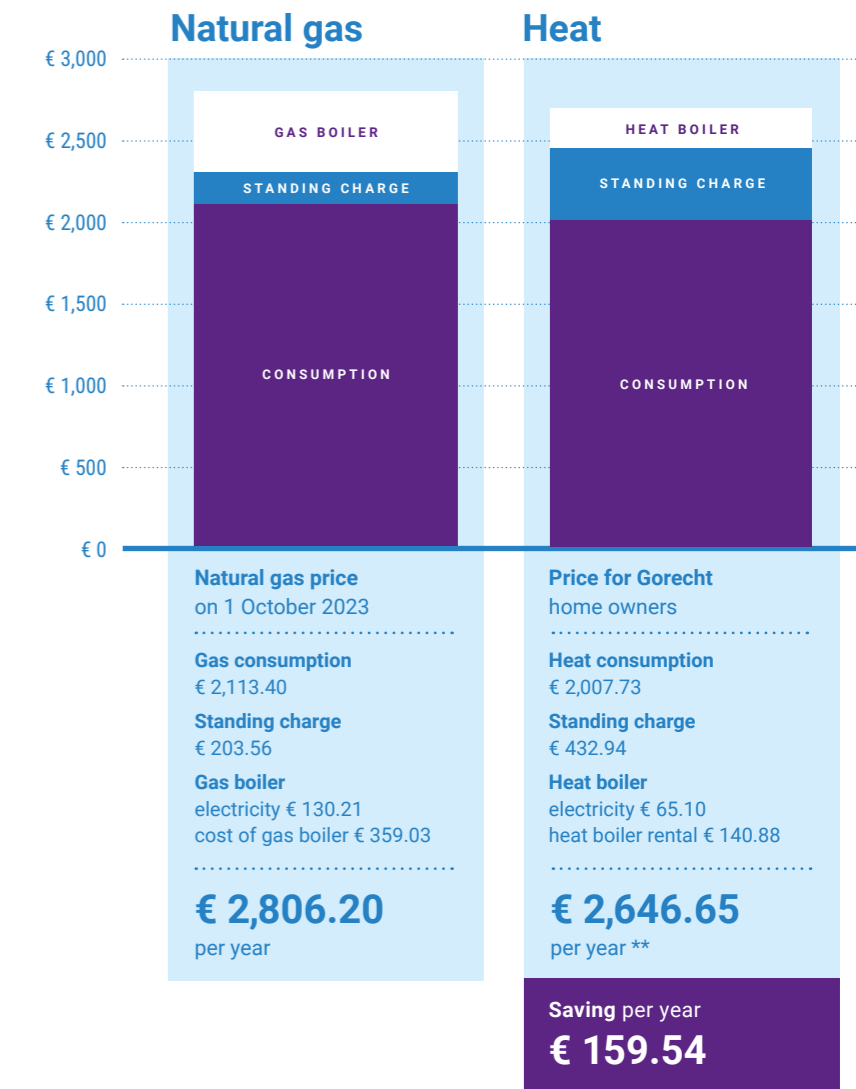
What does it cost to connect to the heat loop?

If you agree by 31 December 2023 at the latest, connection to the heat loop will be free. This is after receiving the special subsidy (ISDE) of € 3325. Removing the gas connection normally costs almost 900 euro, but is also free* for a limited period. If you still cook on gas, € 1000 per home is available for a limited period to switch to cooking with electricity. You will also receive a voucher worth € 100 to buy new pans.

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

What will it cost now and later?

Consumption averages 1250 m³ of gas per year = equivalent to 12,211 kWh per year



** 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 rates, the price for heat from the heat loop would be higher.