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**Turn up the
heat!**
These are our
options.

Hot Find - GlassFires

A truly innovative product to come onto the market recently is the GlassFire. These beautiful decorative fires can be used anywhere in the home, without the need for a flue. There is no installation requirement and no harmful gases are emitted. Glass Fires can be used as supplementary heating and add beautifully to the ambience of your room. Apart from its decorative and heating properties, GlassFires offer complete mobility – there are no restrictions as to where you can use your GlassFire: in your lounge, in your bedroom or on your patio table. Biofuel is a special ecological liquid used in the GlassFire and is wholly environmentally friendly. These fires have a variety of base options to choose from to compliment any décor style. For more information call 0861 452 773 or visit www.glassfires.co.za.



way to achieve a degree of insulation with windows is to use thermal drapes – or a very thick, heavy material – which should be hung from a pelmet sealed against the wall right down to the floor or window sill. Otherwise, the cold surface of the window will trigger a continuous sheet of cold air sliding down and out across the floor.

Insulation

The hottest air gathers in a layer just beneath the ceiling; fortunately this is the most convenient place to add insulation in most houses – provided there is sufficient attic

space between the ceiling and the roof. Heat loss can be dramatically reduce with proper insulation. There are a few types of insulation material to choose from when considering this option which need to be researched by the homeowner

Keeping warm in bed

Sleeping with electric blankets instead of leaving your heater on all night will save money on your electricity bill. Hot water bottles also go a long way in keeping you warm at night and come in a range of fun and colourful designs, and are obviously

very economical. Don't use both at the same time as it is very dangerous to use water near electricity!

Common sense

Above all, you can increase heating efficiency by just exercising common sense. Keep curtains open during the day to allow the room to absorb the natural warmth, but remember to close them as soon as the sun goes down. Also, keep doors closed – only heat the rooms that you are using and make sure you don't lose heat through open doors.

