

Questions and answers on the remote heating control programme for holiday homes

What is the aim of the “Remote heating control programme for holiday homes”?

This climate protection programme aims to install around 2,100 remote heating control systems in holiday homes with fossil-fuel heating systems throughout Switzerland over the next three years. It is predicted that this will save around 11,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions over the next ten years. Thus, around 650,000 litres of heating oil should be saved each year.

How much does a remote control system for my holiday home cost?

The cost of an installed remote heating control system varies depending on the holiday home's fittings, the owner's preferences and the installation costs charged by the local installer. If the home already has a thermostat, it is likely that just one control point will need to be installed. This is the simplest solution, and is available with a myclimate discount from just CHF 650 (excluding VAT). Where there is no thermostat, the radiators need to be controlled directly, which requires additional devices, making the installation more costly. This solution is available with a myclimate discount from CHF 1,590 (excluding VAT). The only running costs are communication costs (subscription fees) of CHF 60 per year.

How much can I save on heating costs with a remote heating control system?

Savings on heating costs are greatest when the temperature is lowered as much as possible when the property is empty. If the property is a house, it is possible to lower the temperature to frost protection temperature. The potential for energy saving is around 50%. This means that in an average house, around 400 litres of heating oil can be saved each year, amounting to a saving of CHF 4,000 over ten years. In an apartment, consideration of the neighbouring properties means the temperature generally can't be reduced quite so much and the savings are not as substantial as for a house.

When is it worth installing a remote heating control system in my holiday home?

A remote heating control system is worth installing in any holiday property that is only intermittently occupied in winter. Remote heating control is worthwhile in three respects: comfort, the environment and costs. With remote heating control, the compromise solution of "a lukewarm property, yet high heating costs" is avoided. The holiday home is always nice and warm when you arrive and you still save on heating costs. Saving heating oil and natural gas reduces environmentally damaging CO₂ emissions. Thus, remote heating control systems are also good for the environment and the climate. Thanks to the discount of CHF 200 from the climate protection programme, the costs of a remote heating control system can be recovered through savings in heating costs after just 2-5 years. The more frequently the remote control is used and the lower the temperature is set during absences, the more energy can be saved and thus the quicker the purchase of a remote control system pays off.

How is the myclimate discount of 200 Swiss Francs financed?

The new CO₂ law, which was introduced in January 2013, lets myclimate have your CO₂ savings authenticated by the federal government. myclimate will receive a certificate for every tonne of CO₂ you save. myclimate and Swisscom are financing the programme with the sales proceeds of these certificates. The myclimate discount on the remote heating control systems is composed of 100 Swiss Francs of the sales proceeds of the certificates and of 100 Swiss Francs of a quantity discount of the manufacturer.