

Residence Heating Systems

Watson Hall



Watson Hall has a hot water heating system and the student rooms are heated by the "convection" method. Students do not have control over the temperature of the heating water. The only means of regulating the heat is by a damper at the convector. This damper is operated by a knob in the centre of the convector cover or a pivoting length of metal which can be rotated by hand. In some rooms, a screwdriver is needed to rotate the damper and may require assistance from a Building Mechanic. By opening and closing the damper, the student can regulate the amount of heat leaving the convector.

It is important that the area around the convector be kept clear at all times. The system relies on natural convection and anything in the path of the air entering or leaving the convector can seriously reduce the heating capacity.

Leaving windows open will cause pipes to freeze. Please ensure all windows are closed.

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Do not block the heater in your room with furniture, clothing, bedding, or any other belongings. The heater is located along the wall in your room, typically below a window – see Watson Double (pictured above). Leave minimum 6 inches clearance between the heater and your belongings/furniture.