



Hypocaust Central Heating System

Living Area



Smoke leaves the building.

Warm air passes under the floor.

Basement

The Romans invented central heating. It was called a Hypocaust. It was an under floor heating system that also warmed the walls. The Romans did this by raising the floor on pillars of bricks. There was a fire in the basement of the building, and the hot air from the fire was passed under the floor and up through the wall.

