

## **HELPFUL HINTS FOR SAUNA USE**

Drink liquids prior to, during and after your sauna session. Water works just fine. Use the best quality water available to you. Eating a piece of fruit is helpful to replace potassium. The typical American diet can replace phosphorous which is lost through perspiration. Magnesium is replaceable through green leafy vegetables or supplementation. (Some facts about Gatorade: the “energy” Gatorade supplies to muscles is SUGAR. The “fluids” are water. And the “minerals” are salt (110 mg of sodium and 97 mg of chlorine), 25 mg of potassium and 24 mg of phosphorous. Americans eating an average diet of commercial food already consume too much salt and phosphorous. While many people could use a little more potassium, there is more than 25 mg in a TABLESPOON of orange juice.

If you shower or bathe before your Infrared Sauna session, you may sweat more: try it with and without first bathing or showering to see which you prefer. Have 2-3 towels available during your session. Sit on one towel folded over several times for added cushioning. Use another towel on the floor to absorb extra sweat. A third towel can be draped over the knees may provide comfort and is useful to towel off sweat during your sauna session.

As you become more heat conditioned you may wish to increase the length of your sessions to 40 minutes or longer. This is especially useful if desiring to heat soft tissues to their optimal temperature prior to stretching to attain a non-elastic, lasting elongation. Obviously, you will need to rehydrate very thoroughly and be sure to properly support your mineral balance. Consult your doctor about your individual usage. Many users report that they feel increasingly comfortable with longer sessions, some as long as 1 ½ hours. On other days these same people “feel finished” with their session after 30-40 minutes of usage. Any area that you wish to achieve a specific deep heating effect in should be moved as close to one of the heaters as feels comfortable.