INTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Keeping Wood Furnishings Like New

(NAPSA)—Controlling the air quality in your home may be good for more than just your health—it may preserve your furniture as well.

Chairs, tables, pianos, floors and other wooden household furnishings are all sensitive to the amount of humidity in the air.

"Dry air affects all wood furnishings," says Sean McCarthy, director of the Aprilaire® Center for Indoor Air Comfort. "Very dry air can promote warping or splitting and it can stress paint and finishes."

Too much humidity at some times and too much dry air at others is even more harmful.

"Variations in humidity from season to season cause tremendous stress on wood furnishings," explains McCarthy. "Excessive humidity can cause doors and drawers to bind and stick."

To help protect their furnishings, many homeowners use an automatic, whole house humidifier.

An automatic humidifier is part of your heating and cooling system. McCarthy's company makes one that is computer equipped to mea-



Controlling humidity levels in a house can help protect homeowners' wood furnishings.

sure the outdoor temperature and indoor humidity more than 86,000 times a day.

It continuously adjusts a home's humidity, keeping moisture at optimum levels of between 35 and 50 percent.

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