

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Warm Up To Energy Savings

(NAPSA)—Besides making your home chilly in the cooler months, an old, underperforming home heating system can also leave you with high energy bills that stretch your household budget.

According to ENERGY STAR, a home's heating and cooling system accounts for as much as 50 percent of that home's energy use.

As system efficiencies decrease and energy costs increase, it makes sense to replace an obsolete heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system with new, more energy-efficient equipment. To end up with a system that best meets your needs, consider the following steps:

Inspect. To analyze your home's current heating and cooling system, invite a certified technician to inspect and service the system. North American Technician Excellence (NATE)-certified technicians, for example, can identify existing or potential problems, take steps to repair or avoid them and, if appropriate, recommend new systems that better match your heating and cooling needs.

Learn. Become knowledgeable about efficiency ratings, heating and cooling capacities and other factors that affect equipment performance. It's also a good idea to research the types and brands of systems available.

Consider where the system will be installed. Do you require an outdoor unit or will you need to install the unit in a basement, attic or closet?

Think green. Taking an environmentally friendly approach to equipment purchases and installations can improve the indoor air



Having your home's current heating and cooling system inspected by a certified technician can keep you warm and help save on energy bills.

quality in your home and reduce your carbon footprint.

Fortunately, it usually results in increased energy savings, too. So choose a heating unit that's sized for the heating and cooling demands of your home, and be sure your home has sufficient insulation and the ductwork is properly sealed. Otherwise, you may lose some of the efficiency your new system offers.

Finally, as you shop for a new system, consider the compact, 33-inch line of Coleman multi-position gas furnaces. These new furnaces feature some of the industry's highest annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) ratings—as high as 98 percent—and offer EcoTrak technology, which provides homeowners with customizable airflow and comfort based on the climate in which they live. In addition, these models also qualify for most local utility rebates as well as up to \$1,500 in tax credits under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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