

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

How Spending Money Can Save Money

(NAPSA)—Purchasing a new furnace or heat pump may seem like the last thing you need to do right now—but is it? For a variety of reasons, a new heating system may, in fact, be exactly what you need.

First of all, emerging technologies may make many of the new heating systems available today much more energy efficient than the furnace or heat pump currently warming your home. Replacing aging equipment with new, more efficient devices can increase indoor comfort, reduce energy consumption and lower energy costs.

Second, depending on the equipment you select, you may be eligible for federal tax credits. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides valuable tax credits—as much as \$300—to consumers who purchase qualified high-efficiency heating, cooling and water-heating equipment. Unlike a tax deduction, which reduces the amount of income subject to tax, a tax credit directly reduces the tax you pay.

The new energy legislation defines the type of equipment and the amount of the credit in this way:

- High-efficiency gas, oil and propane furnaces and boilers: \$150
- High-efficiency central air-conditioning units, including air-source and ground-source heat pumps: \$300
- High-efficiency fans for heating and cooling systems: \$50



• High-efficiency water heaters, including heat pump water heaters: \$300.

Finally, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) contractors may offer their customers promotions on seasonal equipment. For example, Johnson Control's Luxaire® HVAC brand is giving customers a choice of a cash-back rebate of up to \$1,500, special 12-month, no payment/same-as-cash financing or a 10-year parts and labor extended warranty plan. The promotion applies to purchases made between September 1 and November 30, 2006, on qualifying equipment.

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