

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Cleaning The Air In Your Home

(NAPSA)—Central vacuum systems, an increasingly popular addition to new homes, have become popular in older homes as well. Experts say the systems can deliver superior cleaning power, performance and convenience, as well as improved air quality in almost any home.

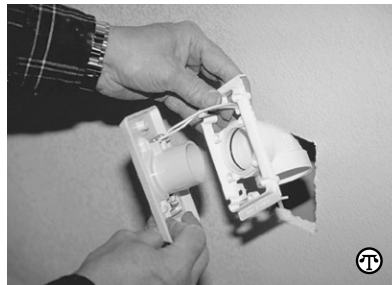
“Virtually any home in North America can be equipped with a central vacuum system,” says John Coghlan, president of Beam Industries, a leading manufacturer of central vacuums.

Unlike traditional upright or canister vacuums that must be carried from floor to floor and room to room, a central vacuum system uses fixed inlets and pipes to carry dust, debris, pet dander and allergens to a power unit. The unit is installed outside the living area, usually in a basement or garage.

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study shows frequent vacuuming and deep cleaning improve indoor air quality by as much as 52 percent. The EPA suggests allergy and asthma sufferers consider installing central vacuum systems to obtain deep cleaning performance.

Coghlan says a central vacuum system delivers up to five times more power than traditional vacuums. This, he says, allows for deep cleaning of floors and “superior” above-the-floor cleaning.

Coghlan’s company and other manufacturers offer consumers networks of dealers who are professionally trained to install central vacuum systems. Systems installed start at about \$1,000.



A Central Vacuum System can be installed in virtually any home within hours.

“We also provide a complete, easy-to-follow instruction book and video for those homeowners who would like to install their central vacuum systems themselves,” Coghlan explains.

Selecting the location for the system’s power unit is the first step in installation. Then homeowners should determine where they want their system’s inlets located. Coghlan recommends installing one inlet every 750 square feet. Beam also offers an optional inlet VacPan®—an automatic dust pan that lets dirt be swept directly into inlets from hard surface floors.

PVC pipe, specifically designed for central vacuum systems, connects the inlets to each other and the power unit.

“A complete system can be installed in most homes in several hours, requiring little or no repairing or refinishing of interior walls,” Coghlan says.

To get a copy of the installation video, go to www.beamvac.com.