

BetterHomesTO

FURNACES

Home heating accounts for up to 61 per cent of the energy used in the average Toronto home.

A furnace uses ductwork and vents to distribute warm air throughout your house.

High-efficiency gas furnaces are quiet, reliable, and effective at maintaining a comfortable home, and they can reduce your energy bill by up to 45 per cent.

An ENERGY STAR® certified forced-air furnace, fuelled by gas uses 6% less energy, fuelled by oil uses 9% less energy, on average, than a standard model.

If your furnace was installed before 1990, it's probably a lower-efficiency model, as regulations for furnaces in Canada have been updated since then. If you upgrade to an ENERGY STAR® certified furnace, you will save money and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases you emit.



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WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Choose an ENERGY STAR certified model.
- Check the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating. Some are rated as high as 98.5 per cent, which means there's very little wasted energy.
- High-efficiency furnaces may cost more, but you'll save on your energy bills and reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change.



THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Have the unit installed by a qualified, licensed contractor.
- Ask your contractor to calculate the heat requirements of your home to make sure your furnace is the appropriate size.
- For maximum efficiency, install a smart thermostat as well.
- Gas furnaces typically last 15 to 20 years. If your existing furnace is nearing its-end-of-life, think about replacing it before winter sets in.
- Hire a licensed heating contractor to regularly inspect your unit. Clean or replace the air filter regularly. Periodic maintenance and inspection can increase the lifetime and efficiency of your furnace.
- You may be eligible for a loan from the City of Toronto's Home Energy Loan Program (HELP) to finance your new furnace.
- Booking an EnerGuide Energy Efficiency Home Evaluation can help you understand more about how to improve your home's energy efficiency.



COST:

\$2,000 - \$8,000

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