



Your Healthy Home

Now Is A Great Time To Buy A New Heating/Cooling System!

Federal Energy Tax Credits.

As part of the Economic Stimulus Package enacted this year by President Obama, homeowners may be eligible for a tax credit if they purchase certain types of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, water heating equipment, or make other energy-related improvements to their homes between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. Yes, the new credits are retroactive to January 1, 2009. Select high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment qualifies for tax credits equal to 30% of the installed cost of the equipment, up to \$1500.

To qualify, a furnace must have an AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) rating of 95% or more, an air conditioner must have a SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating) of 16 and an EER (Energy Efficiency Rating) of 13, and a heat pump must have a SEER of 15, EER of 12.5 and an HSPF (Heating Seasonal Performance Factor) of 8.5. The entire system need not qualify, only the furnace or ac unit. Based on the equipment you have installed, you can

claim the credit against the installed cost of either the furnace, ac unit, or the complete system. To claim the tax credit, it looks like you will need to fill out Form 5695 when completing your taxes at the end of the year. We have a copy of the proposed form on the home page of our website.

Ameren-Cilco Incentives.

Under their Act On Energy Program, Ameren recently introduced incentives for replacing older, less efficient heating and cooling equipment with new high efficiency heating and cooling equipment. If you replace your existing furnace with a new 92% AFUE furnace, you can get a \$125 incentive. If you go with a 95% AFUE furnace, you'll get a \$200 incentive. If you replace your existing ac unit, rated at an 8.0 SEER or less, with a new ac unit, rated at a 14.0 SEER or higher, you'll qualify for a \$720 incentive. If your existing ac unit is rated at over an 8 SEER, you'll get a \$230 incentive. We deduct the appropriate incentive from your invoice after we install your new system, then submit the paperwork to Ameren to get paid. You get an immediate applied incentive!

What Is Radon & Should You Be Concerned About It?

Radon is a cancer-causing, natural, radioactive gas caused by the decay of Uranium. You can't see, smell or taste it. Radon in your home can pose a health risk to you and your family. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in America. Lung cancer, caused by radon, claims about 20,000 lives annually. You should test your home, or have it tested, to see what the Radon level is. Radon levels are measured in pCi/L (Pico curies per Liter). Average outdoor levels are around .4 pCi/L and average indoor levels are 1.3

pCi/L nationwide. In Illinois, we live in a Zone 1, where average Radon levels are expected to be above 4 pCi/L indoors. The EPA recommends you fix your home if Radon levels are above 4 pCi/L. You can get a kit to test the Radon yourself or we can test the Radon level for you as part of our Indoor Air Quality Test. You can get more information by going to the EPA's website: www.epa.gov/radon/index.html. You can also download our IAQ brochure by visiting the indoor air quality section of our website @ Comfort-Specialists.com. Don't be one of the 20,000—test your home for Radon now!

What exactly is a heat pump?

A heat pump starts out as an air-conditioner. A few more components are added to allow the unit to not only cool your home in the summer, but heat your home in the winter. With a heat pump, in the winter, outside air is actually cooled (heat is removed from the air) and the heat is transferred inside (heat is rejected from the air.) That's just the opposite of the way your home is air-conditioned in the summer. It's much cheaper to transfer heat than it is to create heat by burning gas or using electric resistance heating elements. Up to 4 times cheaper!

Are You Watching Your Expenses?

Heating and cooling costs are among the highest expenses involved in home ownership. Get rid of that inefficient system today and get 6 months same as cash financing. Call for details.

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Options For Clean, Healthy Air



The Sun's rays irradiate the earth's atmosphere with ultraviolet light, destroying biologicals (UV-C wavelength) and chemicals (UV-V wavelength). With the billions of gallons of pollutants that are pumped into our atmosphere daily, we're lucky to have this natural process so we can enjoy fresh air outside our homes. Ultraviolet air purifiers replicate this natural process. Ultraviolet air purifiers will not remove particulates from the air, you'll need an air filter for that. They will, however, kill germs, viruses, molds and mildews as well as remove cooking odors, cigarette odors and pet odors. Some, like the Sanuvox we install, will also help to reduce chemicals in the home. Investing in an ultraviolet air purifier is a good step towards improving your health.

If you have a question or topic you would like us to discuss in a future newsletter, or would like to be added to our email list for special offers—just send an email with your name address and email address to [Comfort@Mtco.com!](mailto:Comfort@Mtco.com)

Concerned with healthy indoor air? If so, you need to be concerned with removing particles in the air that are 2.5 microns and smaller in size. These microscopic particles work their way deep into your lungs and cause numerous problems. The standard for rating air cleaner efficiency is their effectiveness at removing .3 micron particles. A 1" fiberglass filter is <1% efficient. A 1" pleated filter is 7% efficient. A 5" pleated filter is 15% efficient. The Trane Clean Effects (pictured above) is 99.98% efficient. In fact, it's so efficient that it can remove the influenza virus—WOW!



Special Coupons

**Don't forget your air conditioner this Summer!
A properly maintained ac unit will:**

- Cost less to operate.
- Last longer.
- Cool better.
- Dehumidify better.
- Give you better comfort.
- Be good for the environment .



**Peak Performance Ac Check
Special!**

\$89.00

Thru September 15, 2009

Indoor Air Quality Test Special...

(Includes Radon Testing)

Thru September 15, 2009



\$179.00

According to the EPA air pollution in the home can be two to five times higher than outdoor levels. 50% of Americans live with someone who has allergies, asthma or other respiratory conditions. Indoor air quality is one of the top five most urgent risks to public health. Visit the indoor air quality section of our website for brochures and additional information!



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