



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 last 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. 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 energy tax credit, 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. The incentives end December 31 of this year.

Ameren-Cilco Incentives.

Under their Act On Energy Program, Ameren has available 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 a 10.0 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 a 10 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 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!

Trane Spring Promo is underway!

Purchase a new Trane comfort system before June 30, 2010 and get a cash back rebate of up to \$1000. 6 months same as cash financing also available. Call us for details.

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How Important Is Annual Air Conditioner Maintenance?

Because ac units are located outdoors, they are subjected to an environment that is much more severe than that of your furnace. When the ac is running, some of the dirt in the air, as it flows through the condenser coil, will get filtered out by the fins on the coil. It doesn't take too much dirt on the coil fins to decrease the efficiency of the ac unit by 25% or more. Most condenser fan motors need to be oiled once per year. Electrical components wear and connections can loosen due to the weather. If the refrigerant charge is off by even a little, your cooling costs will in-

crease. So, to maintain the efficiency, reliability and longevity of your ac unit, you should strongly consider annual maintenance. If you choose not participate in annual maintenance on your ac unit, at least hose out the condenser coil in the Spring. As a reminder, we offer annual preventive maintenance plans, wherein we perform a safety inspection and performance tune-up on both your furnace and ac unit, for an annual investment of only \$140. You can download our maintenance brochure by visiting the maintenance section of our website @ Comfort-Specialists.com.

Options For Clean, Healthy Air



Central Dehumidifiers

Central dehumidifiers are an efficient and effective way to control the humidity levels in your home by removing excess humidity. We recommend keeping the humidity in your home between 35% and 50%. Most homes have too much humidity in their basement year-round. Here in Illinois, during the Spring, Summer and Fall, the main level of your home can have elevated humidity levels as well. Although your home's air conditioner will remove humidity from your home when it is running, realize that your ac unit is oversized 95% of the time and will not dehumidify your home if it's not running. You can reduce the set-point of your thermostat to get the ac to run longer or go with a two-stage ac unit. Only a dedicated dehumidifier can effectively reduce excess moisture year-round without overcooling your home—and you!

By using a dedicated central dehumidifier along with air conditioning, you can save up to 18% of your annual energy costs. The dehumidifier removes moisture from the air while the air conditioner removes the heat. Molds thrive in high humidity conditions. Wood floorings, cabinets and furniture also suffer from warpage and structural damage. Remove the worry and protect your home with an Aprilaire dehumidifier that guards against excess moisture. Aprilaire high capacity central dehumidifiers can remove up to 135 pints each and every day and are 300% more efficient than portables in the same conditions, which means they cost less to operate than portables. Typically, we install them in the basement with a small duct system and get excellent humidity control in the basement and the main level as well. They're also quiet! Call us for details.

If you would like to be added to our email list for special offers—send us an email with your name address and email address to:

[Comfort@Mtco.com!](mailto:Comfort@Mtco.com)

Special Coupons

Don't forget about your air conditioner this Spring!
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 June 30, 2010

Indoor Air Quality Test Special...

(Includes Radon Testing)

Thru June 30, 2010



\$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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