

Home Comfort News

A publication for the customers of

Comfortmaker[®]
Air Conditioning & Heating

Winter Is Coming: Is Your Home Ready to Keep Out the Cold?

Winter is coming, and you may be opening your door to the uninvited cold if you haven't prepared your home for the wintry chill.

Don't let Jack Frost creep indoors this winter. Prepare for the cold with these ideas from the makers of Comfortmaker[®] heating and cooling products to help you save money and stay warm this winter:



routine maintenance, and make sure it is running at top efficiency. Preventive maintenance to your home heating system could save you money and energy.

Seal the leaks. Seal leaks in your ductwork, attic vents and around windows, doors and other openings to reduce your home heating bill.

Add more insulation. One of the best ways to keep out the cold is to make sure your home is well insulated. Some older homes may not have enough insulation or it may have settled over time. Check your insulation and add more if it needs to be replenished.

Upgrade your heating and cooling system. In the long run, purchasing a new high-efficiency system can cost less than keeping an older, less efficient system. With proper care, a new Comfortmaker 96%+ AFUE high-efficiency furnace can pay for itself in energy cost savings over the years if it replaces an older, less energy-efficient furnace. If your furnace is more than 20 years old, it may have an Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) rating as low as 60%. That's like switching from a car that gets 20 miles per gallon (MPG) of gas to one that gets 32 MPG.

Federal Tax Credit on HVAC Ends December 31, 2011

The "Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010" included a one year extension - with revisions - to the federal tax credits on qualifying, high-efficiency HVAC equipment.

For 2011, the maximum amount an eligible homeowner may receive in tax credits for "residential energy property" purchased between 2006 and 2011 was reduced from \$1,500 to \$500. If you are a homeowner who has not already taken advantage of available tax credits for residential energy improvements, you may still qualify for up to \$500 in new credits for improvements made during 2011.

The credit is available for qualifying products that are purchased and "placed in service" between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

Contact us to find out about Comfortmaker[®] high-efficiency heating & cooling products that qualify for this tax credit.

Specific information on how to claim the tax credit should be obtained directly from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. We can provide you, the homeowner, with Manufacturer's Certification Statements to support your Tax Credit claims for these systems. We will circle or highlight the system installed in the home as a convenience to you. *Call us today for more information!*

**Tax Credit
Eligible**

See manufacturer's certificates for qualifying products.
Consult IRS guidelines for details.

**Call us today for your
home comfort needs!**

Introducing New Comfortmaker® 96%+ Gas Furnaces

The new line of Comfortmaker® SoftSound® 96%+ AFUE gas furnaces is designed for easier installation and service and features models with stainless steel primary and secondary heat exchangers.

These new Comfortmaker 96%+ furnaces are available in four product families:

- **SoftSound VC 97:** Modulating, variable-speed ECM at 97% AFUE.
- **SoftSound VT 96:** Two-stage variable-speed ECM at 96% AFUE.
- **SoftSound IIX 96:** Two-stage Xtra SEER* model at 96% AFUE.
- **SoftSound DLX 96:** Single-stage Xtra SEER* model at 96% AFUE.

The new Comfortmaker 96%+ gas furnace line is designed to be easier to sell, install and service:

- **Dependable** – The new line features models compatible with a self-configuring control, a simple but reliable gas valve, a proven Rigid Press Joint (RPJ®) heat exchanger, and dependable silicon nitride hot surface igniters. VC 97 and VT 96 models are built with stainless steel primary and secondary heat exchangers.

**Xtra SEER – high-efficiency ECM blower can deliver an increase in cooling efficiency that can translate to a higher SEER rating when paired with select Comfortmaker condensing units and evaporator coils as compared to the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute's coil-only rating.*

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**Comfortmaker® VC 97
Gas Furnace**

- **Quiet** – The blower motor of the new 96%+ furnaces is attached with soft-mount rubber grommets that absorb sound and vibration. SoftSound models have insulated heat exchanger and blower compartments to muffle sound and absorb vibration noise.

- **Shorter, Narrower Cabinets** – The units stand only 35 inches tall. Mainline 80 MBTUh models are only 17.5 inches wide, and even the 100 MBTUh models – with up to 5 tons of cooling airflow – are only 21 inches wide.

- **Easier to Handle** – These new gas furnaces weigh less than their counterparts in the previous 90+ furnace line, and cabinet edges are hemmed to give installers easier handholds for lifting the furnaces.

- **Easy Access** – These new gas furnaces feature large, robust one-quarter turn knobs for door installation and removal.

- **Easier to Read LED** – A new-design super-bright LED sight glass makes diagnostic flash codes easier to read in the event the unit requires service.

- **Multiple Vent Options** – These new gas furnaces are designed for four-way multi-position installation, with at least 12 different venting options to meet the needs of virtually any installation.

Call us today and ask about new Comfortmaker 96%+ gas furnaces.

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