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your gas or electrical utility before proceeding.

Use outdoor clotheslines whenever possible. Shop for energy-efficient appliances.

Look for and compare the Energuide rating, which lists the typical monthly energy consumption for new major appliances. A low energy rating means long-term energy savings.

Improve appliance performance

Clothes washers and dryers, and dishwashers are most efficient when used for full loads.

STEP 3. AIRTIGHTEN: CAULK AND WEATHERSTRIP

Heat loss around doors and windows and through cracks can represent as much as 30 per cent of total space heating costs.

Install air-vapour barriers

An air-vapour barrier seals your house in an airtight envelope, preventing costly air leaks and protecting insulation and other building components against condensation.

STEP 4. INSTALL PROPER LEVELS OF INSULATION AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE VENTILATION

Even if you have already added insulation to your attic, there is no doubt you should do more. It is likely that heat is still being wasted. You can reduce heat loss substantially by insulating your basement walls and the exterior walls of your house.

Obtain product literature and read it carefully. Compare costs and weigh advantages and disadvantages. If you need help call the HEATLINE at 1-800-267-9563 (in British Columbia 112-800-267-9563).

If you intend to apply for a Canadian Home Insulation Program (CHIP) grant, obtain a CHIP applicant's information kit.

For complete details on insulation and how to insulate, read *Keeping the Heat In*.

STEP 5. HEATING SYSTEMS: IMPROVE OR REPLACE

A heating system works most efficiently

when it is adequately sized for the job and is properly maintained. After you have airtightened and insulated or added an auxiliary source of heat, it may be that your heating system will be more powerful than necessary. An opportunity may exist to reduce or downsize the capacity of your system.

Determining the size and capacity of a heating system requires expert consultation. Tuning or maintaining a heating system also requires a knowledgeable professional. However, some routine maintenance can be carried out by many householders; for example, changing the filter on a forced-air system and cleaning dust from the coils of an electric baseboard or wall insert unit.

Furnace efficiency

A furnace efficiency test conducted by a professional can help you determine what improvements should be made to increase your heating system's efficiency.

Before you convert or modify

Before you convert or modify your heating system consider

- the efficiency of your present system
- its life expectancy
- the installed cost
- removal costs
- availability (now and in the near future) of the fuel you select
- cost of the fuel you select

Improving your oil furnace

To increase your oil furnace's efficiency consider a retention head kit or a new retention head burner, a delayed action solenoid valve, and an automatic vent damper.

Purchasing a new heating system

When the time comes to purchase a new heating system, Canadians have a wide range of choices, not only of energy sources but of types of equipment available.

Off-oil alternatives

If you are considering a switch off oil, there are many options. Depending on

regional availability you can choose electricity, natural gas, propane, wood or coal to supplement or replace oil consumption. Financial help is available from the Canada Oil Substitution Program.

Combination heating systems

If a combination system is carefully chosen and used, both fuel components can be efficient and less costly to operate. Two-fuel, hybrid, or combination heating systems such as oil and electric, wood and electric, gas and wood, or oil and wood are available.

STEP 6. MAINTAIN AND MONITOR YOUR HOME'S ENERGY SYSTEM

Maintaining a major investment such as a home is something most people do automatically. You may have already taken steps to improve your home's energy efficiency. But is the effort paying? This is difficult to determine unless you have kept records of your energy costs prior to making improvements. If you have not kept records in the past, now is a good time to start.

Heat automatically

By now, everybody knows that the easiest way to save a few dollars on their heating bill is to turn down the furnace thermostat. Chances are you've probably done this already and had no trouble adjusting to slightly lower indoor temperatures.

Lowering the thermostat is a good first step, but what about all those times when everyone in the house is asleep or out? You can probably manage to turn the heat down then as well, but you won't always remember. Even when you do, you'll have to wait to get temperatures back to normal.

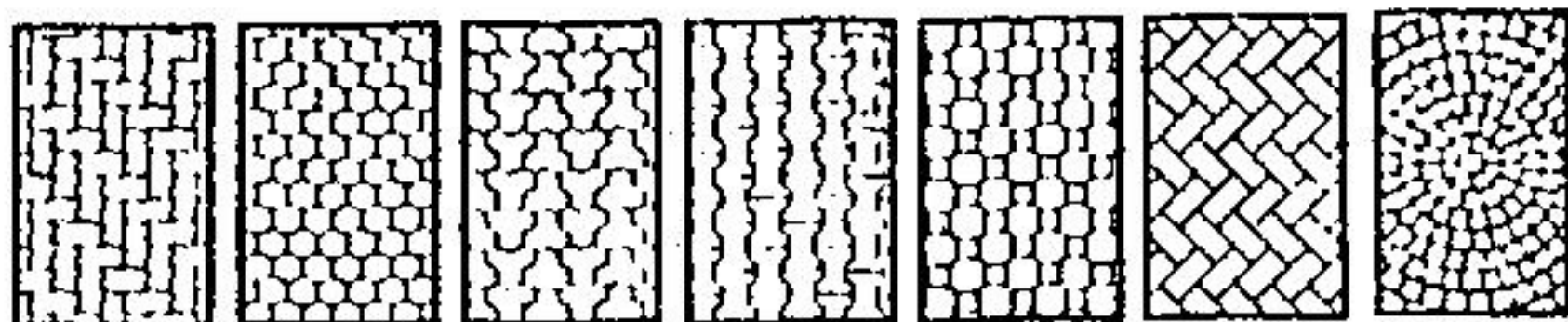
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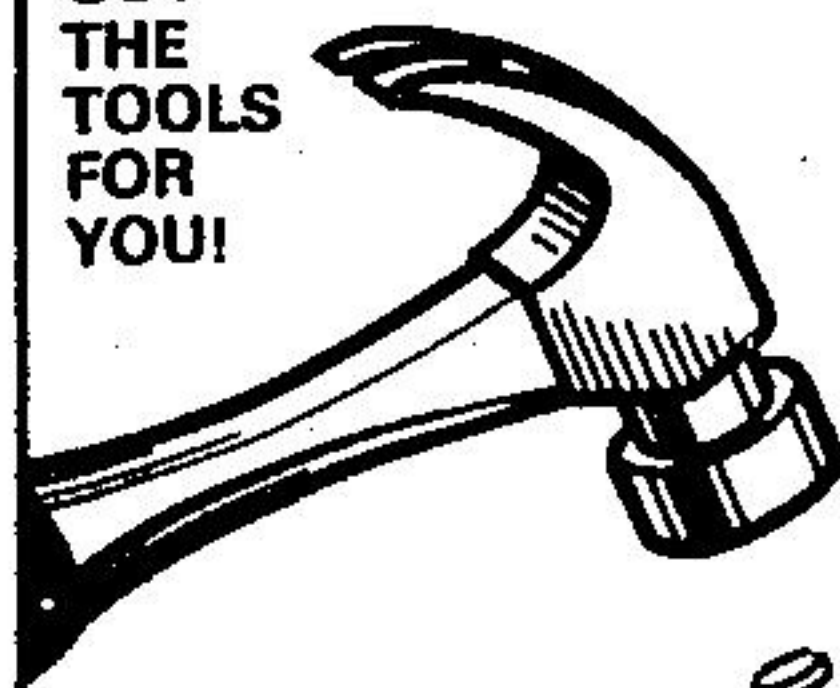
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