

How to reduce dust particles in your home

Traditionally, furnace filter were designed to protect a home's furnace and fans. With the recent increase in awareness about the importance of indoor air quality, however, some Canadians are now installing upgraded filters to reduce their exposure to dust and other airborne particles.

According to a study carried out by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), an upgraded filter can moderately reduce the number of particles in your home's air. But for your new filter to be most effective, you would have to run your furnace fan almost all the time, all year round.

Unless you already operate your furnace fan constantly, this could add \$200 or more each year to your electric bill. As an alternative solution, CMHC offers the following tips to help you reduce the levels of dust and other particles in your home:

- Remove outdoor footwear before entering your home
- Keep major dust generators such as cigarettes and pets out of your house
- Reduce the number of dust collecting surfaces in your home. This includes open shelves, carpets and upholstered furniture
- Diligently and frequently vacuum your house with an efficient vacuum cleaner
- Keep particle-laden outdoor air out of your home by closing windows, improving the air tightness of our house and installing an intake filter on the air supply
- Use a good quality furnace filter

For more information or a free copy of the About Your House fact sheet Your Furnace Filter or other fact sheets on virtually every facet of owning, maintaining or renovating your home, ask CMHC, 1-800-668-2642 or visit www.cmhc.ca

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