

# Canadians need for healthy air sparks popularity of central vac

According to industry experts, the central vacuum system is following in the footsteps of the dishwasher and microwave oven as a standard feature in Canadian homes due to the consumer's growing need to create a healthier living environment.

Over the last few years indoor air quality has become more of a cause for concern than it was in the past since improved insulation and other energy-saving measures have meant poorer air circulation and high levels of humidity for many of our homes.

More importantly, poor indoor air can have serious adverse effects on you and your family's health. The Environment Protection Agency views indoor pollutants as one of the major culprits for the 160 per cent increase in asthma rates over the past 15 years.

Homeowners are now arming themselves against this growing problem with central vacuum systems because of their ability to improve indoor air quality, explained Vicki Sword, Product Manager for Broan-Nutone. "People don't realize that the air from their standard upright vacuum cleaner is pushed right back into the room, thus re-circulating dust and allergens throughout your home."

She said a central vacuum system is more effective than upright vacuums because it is three to five times more powerful and it deposits the dust into a canister in a remote location in a garage or basement. It is a built-in system that consists of a power unit, collection canis-

ter, and a 30-foot hose. Special pipes installed within interior walls, crawl-spaces, attics, or basements connect the central part of the system with low-voltage wall inlets.

The advantages to a central vacuum system are many: no pulling a vacuum cleaner around or carrying it up and down stairs; house-wide access; vacuum noise is greatly reduced; it is a more efficient system for removing dust and debris making it a healthier choice.

### Latest Technology

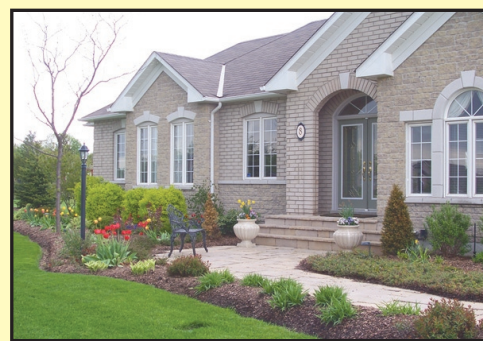
The latest technology in the marketplace, the NuTone central vacuum system provides you with a solution that will effectively eliminate particles down to 0.3 microns in size the real problem for allergy and asthma sufferers. According to Sword, "all house dust and their allergens vacuumed up with the system can be removed from the living areas for good."

### Special Filtration

The new NuTone central vacuum system differs from your regular home vacuum cleaner because of its special filtration capabilities. An ordinary vacuum cleaner only removes particles 35 microns or larger in size. The NuTone central vacuum system features bags and filters with HEPA filter media able to capture and eliminate up to 99.97% of all particles down to and including 0.3 microns the size of some bacteria. More information on central vacuums is available at [www.nutone.ca](http://www.nutone.ca).

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