

Interiors

Proper insulation can reduce costly bills

There are a number of good reasons to insulate your home this year. Most important, it can help you keep cool and more comfortable during those hot summer months. Also, it can help you control costly fuel and electricity bills due to air-conditioning units, while conserving energy and adding to the resale value of your home.

For maximum energy efficiency, it's important to know where to install insulation in your home. Some key areas where insulation should be used include:

1. Attic;
2. Sidewalls;
3. Ceiling/Wall Surrounding Unheated Garage;
4. Crawl Space

Don't overlook other areas in

your home where energy can be saved — wrap your hot water tank with fiberglass insulation, insulate the ductwork of the heating and air-conditioning system, and caulk and weatherstrip the cracks and narrow spaces around windows and doors.

Experts predict another energy crisis by the year 2000, with the price of oil and gas doubling and the cost of electricity tripling.

By insulating your home today, you can reduce the amount of energy you use and help improve the country's future.

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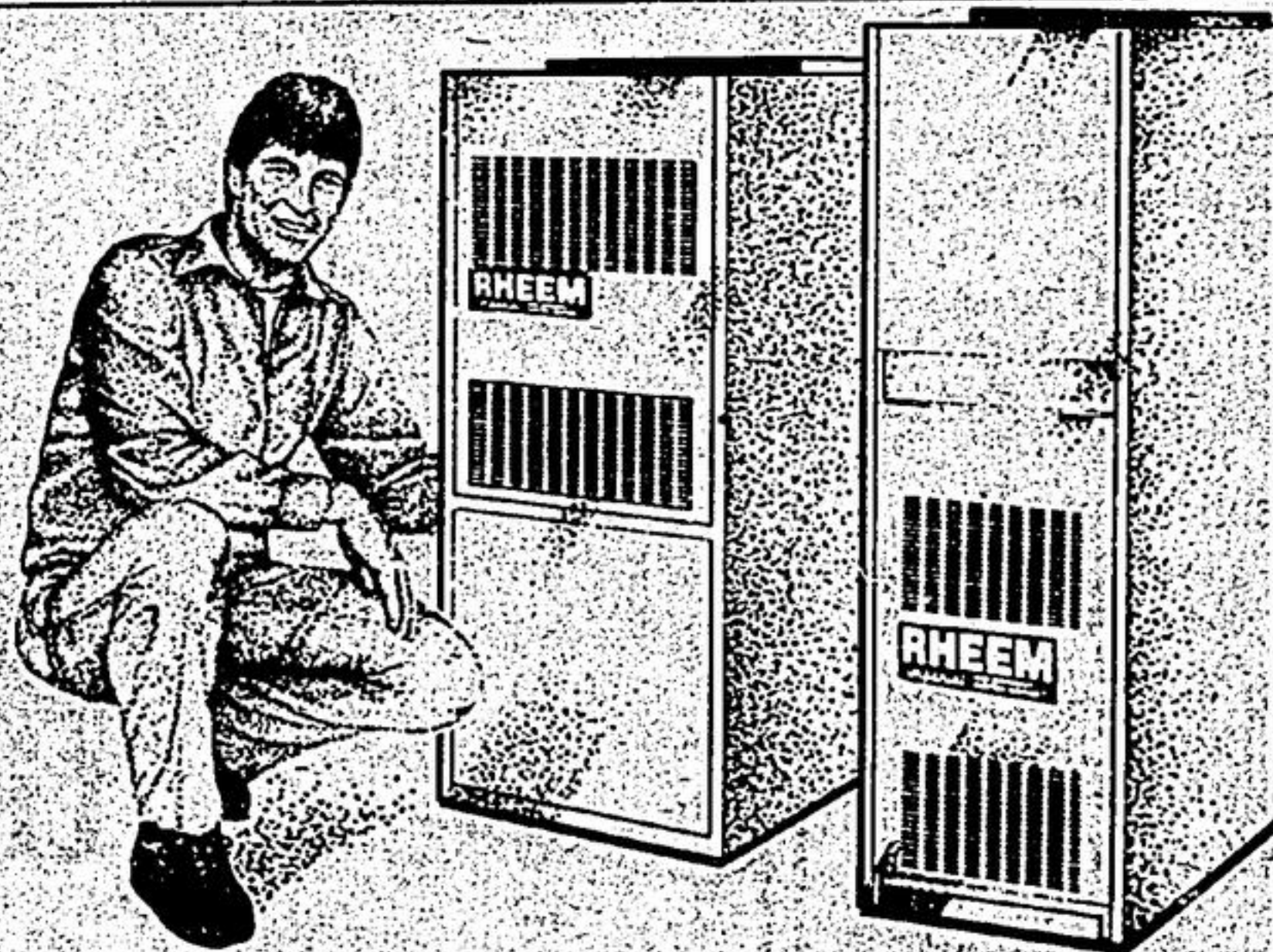
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Total bath look now on tap

Today's faucet is as decorative as it is functional, as visible in its environment as a painting on the family room wall.

The days of "invisible" generic faucets have passed.

The bath has become a place of leisure, a room which demands a "total look," a look possible only through a melding of shape, size and color.

Available in a wide array of styles from traditional to contemporary, faucets are an integral part of the "total bath" look.

Therefore, when installing faucets, be sure to use the same style on all of your bath fixtures.

Look for a line that compliments your bath's overall decor. A colonial bath, for example, should be fitted with a traditional faucet-style so that the period look is carried throughout.

These traditional faucets, which boast intricate antique-style detailing, bring back the feel of days gone by.

A bath with a formal atmosphere needs classic accessories.

Modern room settings, on the other hand, need faucets with clean, smooth lines to continue the contemporary look.

Most faucets are available in several finishes. The most common are polished gold, brass and chrome and brushed gold, chrome and nickel. Choose a finish to suit your personality.

Many of today's faucets are also available with decorative handles in wood, acrylic or other materials.

Others have ceramic handle inserts allowing consumers to add color to match or contrast with their bath fixtures.

Co-ordinating accessories such as towel bars, soap dishes and robe hooks further strengthens the "total bath" look.

When choosing faucets and accessories, don't be swayed by a pretty exterior. Be sure your faucet is mechanically sound and able to provide good, long service.

Many faucets manufactured today use a washerless cartridge valving system. With all working parts contained in one easily removed cartridge, maintenance is easier.