



## IS IT TIME FOR A CHANGE?

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT'S TIME TO REPLACE YOUR OLD HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT OR IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR OVERALL SYSTEM? IT MAY BE TIME TO CALL A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTOR TO HELP YOU MAKE A CHANGE IF:



> **Your heat pump or air conditioner is more than 10 years old.** Consider replacing with ENERGY STAR® qualified equipment that uses at least 20 percent less energy than new standard models.

> **Your furnace or boiler is more than 15 years old.** Consider replacing with an ENERGY STAR qualified furnace, which is 15 percent more efficient than a conventional furnace. Or, if you have a boiler, consider replacing with an ENERGY STAR qualified boiler that offers 10 percent more efficiency than a new standard model does.

> **Your equipment needs frequent repairs and your bills are going up.** Your heating and cooling equipment may have become less efficient.

> **Some of your rooms are too hot or cold.** Improper equipment operation, duct problems or inadequate insulation could be the cause.

> **No one is home for long periods of the day and you don't have a programmable thermostat.** Install an ENERGY STAR qualified programmable thermostat or have a professional contractor install one and instruct you on its use—to start saving energy and money while you're away or even sleeping.

> **Your home has humidity problems.** Poor equipment operation, inadequate equipment, and leaky ductwork can cause the air to be too dry in the winter or too humid in the summer.

> **Your home has excessive dust.** Leaky ducts can pull particles and air in from attics, crawlspaces and basements and distribute them through the house. Having your ducts sealed may be a solution.

> **Your cooling system is noisy.** You could have an undersized duct system or a problem with the indoor coil of your cooling equipment.

> **Your score on the ENERGY STAR Home Energy Yardstick is below five.** This means you're using more energy at home than most Americans and probably paying more than you need to on energy bills. Find the Home Energy Yardstick at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) and click on Home Improvement. You will also get personalized recommendations to improve your home and/or heating and cooling system.