

## Thinking about replacing your furnace?

### Here Are Some Things To Consider:

#### Age

- ✓ Modern home furnaces have a life expectancy of between 16 and 20 years. If the furnace in your home is that age or older, you may want to consider finding a replacement.
- ✓ Have the information to make an informed decision before your furnace breaks down so that there is no interruption in service.
- ✓ Also consider that parts for older furnaces may be hard or impossible to access.

#### Energy Costs

- ✓ Energy costs are rising; your monthly gas and electric bills may be higher with a less efficient furnace.
- ✓ Without proper maintenance furnaces can become less energy efficient as they age, costing you more to maintain the same amount of comfort.
- ✓ Purchasing a new, energy-efficient system makes more sense than powering an older, less efficient system.

#### Repairs Are Becoming More Frequent

- ✓ The parts and components that make up your home heating system eventually wear out and require repairs or replacement.
- ✓ A service call and repair can easily cost hundreds of dollars. If you have already paid for one or more furnace repairs this year, it may be more cost effective to purchase a replacement.

#### You Notice “Hot Spots” or “Cold Spots” in Your Home

- ✓ Older furnaces sometimes have a hard time distributing heated air evenly throughout your home.
- ✓ You may have to constantly monitor and adjust your home thermostat to maintain a constant level of comfort; this can be an expensive and frustrating situation.
- ✓ A new furnace ensures reliable and consistent heat throughout the home.

#### Carbon Monoxide or Carbon Dioxide Emissions

- ✓ After years of use, furnaces can lose structural integrity and start to emit poisonous carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide gas, either as a by-product of combustion or because the heat exchanger inside your furnace is cracked.
- ✓ Some signs that your furnace is leaking carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide include a yellow or flickering pilot light; condensation on windows, walls and other cold surfaces; rust on pipe connections and appliance jacks; and an absence of an upward draft in your chimney.

#### Unusual Noises From Your Furnace

- ✓ One sign that a furnace may need to be replaced is more frequent and unusual noises such as banging, popping or squealing.
- ✓ Another sign is a furnace blower that runs excessively, turning on and off frequently and sometimes blowing cold air. If your furnace is exhibiting this type of behaviour, it may be time to start shopping for a replacement.

#### Increase of Dry, dusty Air in the Home

- ✓ An old furnace that is no longer able to moisturize and clean the air in your home may cause family members to suffer from increased allergic reactions or dryness of the nose, throat or skin.
- ✓ Other signs of excessive indoor air dryness include increased dust accumulation, shocks from static electricity, and cracks in wooden furniture.