

Enjoy Heating-Cooling With Combination Unit

Year-around air conditioning is the latest home comfort feature being offered to today's home owner. Indications are that within the next few years provision for both summer cooling as well as winter heating will be important in the planning of any new home—and fast in many "old" home owners' modernizing programs.

The modern warm air winter air-conditioning system—a more commonly known as a forced warm air system—performs many of these functions in relation to its job of wintertime heating.

It controls indoor wintertime temperature by providing heat, and keeps the air in constant motion through controlled furnace blower action, distributes the warm air to all the rooms in the house by means of a duct system, and removes dust from the air by means of filter.

Accessory devices are also being developed for use in removing bacteria and indoor odors. More warm air winter air-conditioning systems are being put in homes today than any other type of heating system.

In developing the year-around air-conditioning system, as far as equipment is concerned, an air cooling unit has been added to the present warm air winter air-conditioning devices.

Simplified as these central heating-cooling units may seem, however, remember that it is the correct application of the device to meet both the heating and cooling needs of the house in which it is installed which will spell the difference between good and poor results.

This is where the "design of the system" enters the picture—engineering and installing the system to fit the house—you are assured of proper installation by consulting a qualified expert.

Dress-Up Home With New-Style Light Fixtures

Once a fixture was a garish, glaring object placed smack-dab in the middle of a ceiling. But today, according to the American Home Lighting Institute, a fixture is a softly radiant, smartly styled home furnishing that is placed anywhere that light is needed—on walls and even in corners.

Fixtures are bigger than they once were, and they're more flexible too. You can turn or adjust them to cast light just where you want it.

Perhaps the biggest change in the fixture picture is the use of more and more off-center locations. Instead of leaving room edges and corners in the shadows, homemakers are increasing the living space of rooms by putting fixtures in these areas.

Walls and windows are being lighted by fluorescent cornices and valances to push back the edges of the rooms, and to enhance the color, texture, and design of draperies.

Conversation corners, sideboards, and art objects are getting light of their own: from off-center fixtures suspended above them.

Fixtures are changing from the static, fixed objects they once were to accessories that move about. A popular type is the pull-down fixture, that goes up and down by reel or spring action to provide the level of light needed.

Eliminate an unsightly view of any bordering property. These living fences may be low or tall, flowering or non-flowering evergreen all year, or deciduous according to the American Association of Nurserymen.

They can be made to fit any shape desired, may require little maintenance, need not ever be clipped if the natural shape is desired. Some species grow low without much attention at all. Plants for hedges have been divided into the following groups for various purposes.

1. Evergreen plants which keep their leaves all winter.
2. Dense plants with thick foliage that need very little care.
3. Thorny plants which make excellent barriers.
4. Low plants that need little or no clipping.
5. Flowering. Usually informal in nature, needing to be clipped only once a year.
6. Colored fruits for brightness and interest.
7. Plants for poor soils and growing conditions.
8. Narrow, columnar and upright plants.
9. Plants for the most adverse conditions of summer heat, drought, cold, or both.
10. Windbreak and screen plants.
11. Plants for southern gardens.

Consult with your nurseryman for plants to suit your particular purposes. Some flowering plants like the rose, will grow almost anywhere. There are many other plants available from the pyramidal and the philadelphus and spiraea of northern areas.

There are literally hundreds of species of shrubs and trees for practically every screening purpose.

... materials filtering devices and other features, have helped bring price of pool construction and upkeep to a more practical level.

Other added attractions, such as lights in the pool, colorful docks, walkways, all sorts of diving equipment and other extras are optional and can be added at any time after the actual construction has been completed.

New construction methods and

... say, "How nice it would be to have the pool in the back yard!" Well, now you can! Backyard swimming pools are rapidly becoming more than just a dream. Now, swimming pools can be installed that are well within the reach of Mr. Average Home Owner.

Washer-Dryer Can Be Help For Many Clean-Up Tasks

Whether it's time to redecorate the entire house or just to add new slipcovers, draperies or cushion covers—it's time to plan home furnishings with an eye to the versatility of your automatic washer and dryer. According to the Maytag Company's Product Testing Laboratory, these appliances are now designed to do more for the housewife than simply launder her clothes and linens.

Besides adding beauty to the home decor, today's "miracle" decorator appliances can eliminate costly dry-cleaning bills completely when cared for in the easy, quick, home laundry way, provided they are washable.

Special automatic cycles, such as the "cold water wash" launder these delicate and wrinkled fabrics safely, easily and wrinkle-free—ready for finish-drying without ironing. And "air fluffing" of household articles between launderings adds even more bounty to the budget by cutting down on washing time and expense.

Try out the washer and dryer duo on odd cleaning jobs while you go about your regular household duties. For example, those heavy chenille bedspreads with the "sat-on" look can be pulled off beds, popped into the dryer

at "air-fluff" control setting, and actually "just-vacuumed" while being fluffed up and freshened; leaving the fabric dust-free and ready to be put right back on the bed.

Spray painting can often provide a smoother, more thorough job on furniture than a brush job. But experts advise the handy man to follow a few basic rules when using a spray gun. Whenever possible, spray outdoors. If you have to spray indoors, make sure that there is plenty of ventilation and no flame in the room.

For the smoothest results, hold the gun parallel to the work and at right angles about 6 to 10 inches from the stock. Test on an inconspicuous spot or on a piece of scrap wood to determine that the distance will result in a smooth finish.

Take care not to tilt the gun or arc the strokes fault usually caused by holding the wrist too

stiffly. Pull the trigger of the spray gun just before moving the gun across the work and release it at the edge, making sure you continue the stroke until it is just past the surface.

Spraying furniture or other objects while they are on the ground is not a good practice, as this will stir up settled dust and spoil the paint surface.

A final word of caution: Don't neglect to cover anything in the room which might be damaged by overspray. And clean the gun with the proper solvent after you are through using it or it will not clog up with dry paint.

Paint Sprayers Are Safer When Used Outdoors

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Old Home Can Be Made Bright With New Beauty

Perhaps, just a moment ago, you were heartily wishing that you could transform one of the rooms of your household... that you could manage somehow to give it outstanding new beauty. Well, you can.

The biggest single change you can make does not lie in replacing your furniture or your fabrics, but in changing the room's background color. This you can do... easily, quickly and inexpensively—with the aid of the countless eye-delighting hues of color that are now available.

A coat of paint, applied when needed, also guards your pocketbook against costly repair bills which follow in the train of neglect.

Actually, the ceiling walls and woodwork of an average room can be repainted for less than \$10. And as for the time it takes, you'll be surprised how rapidly you can apply the color... in a very few hours, at most.

Before re-painting a ceiling—or any other surface, for that

matter—make sure that all cracks are carefully filled, then smoothed level with the surface. When your patches are thoroughly dried out, sandpaper them until they're even with the surface. They're ready then, for the application of an undercoat or primer.

Another important thing to do before you begin to paint is to remove the hardware from your doors and windows and to loosen your lighting fixtures. This will make your painting job easier and will give you a chance to clean and polish the metal until it looks like new.

It's always wise to have capable and experienced painters for such an important job. It's smart, too, to learn all you can about the procedure. Such know-how will help you in selecting top-notch workmen and in understanding the factors involved.

With this information at your fingertips, you are better equipped to do your own painting, if you decide to tackle the job yourself.

Of valuable help to you in either case is a little booklet called "A New Coat of Color," which is yours, free, by requesting it from the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, 1500 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

Living Fence Bring Privacy To Property

A living fence of shrubs or trees assures privacy for the home owner, helps to shut out street traffic noises, dust, and can eliminate an unsightly view of any bordering property.

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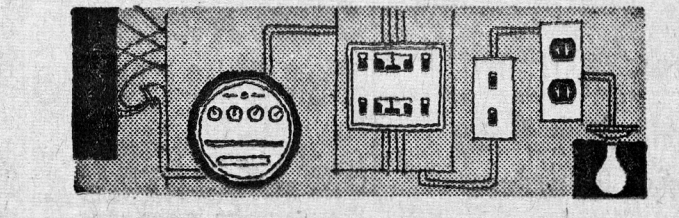
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