

VENTILATION

Ventilation Matters in Your Home

Fresh air is essential to the health of your home and especially its occupants. Of course, it takes a properly installed ventilation system to make sure the air you breathe is truly up to par. The right setup will protect your home from unwelcome indoor air pollutants and odors while controlling moisture levels and providing air exchange as needed.

Inadequate ventilation reveals itself in a number of ways. Be on the lookout for lingering odors or musty smells, stale or stuffy air, condensation inside or outside of windows, excessive humidity, and mold or mildew.

Three easy ways to improve indoor air quality:

- **Spot ventilation:** Add/use a bath or kitchen fan to remove moisture or air pollutants at their source.
- **Increase ventilation:** Use your bath fan to exhaust stale indoor air by running it throughout the day. If your furnace has a fresh air intake connected to the return duct (a black plastic insulated pipe that runs to an exterior wall) use the thermostat or a ventilation control to run the furnace fan periodically drawing in fresh air. Use either the bath fan, the furnace fan, or both to improve indoor air quality.
- **Heat or Energy Recover Ventilation:** Heat Recover Ventilators (HRVs) and Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERVs) provide better control, efficiency, and air quality. Both types of ventilators remove air from the home and bring fresh air inside while recovering heat. ERVs also recover moisture.

Three things to watch out for when improving ventilation:

- Possible backdrafting of combustion appliances.
- Overventilation.
- Dangerous pollutants entering your home if air sealing between the home and attached garage is not addressed.



Addressing Ventilation Issues

A thorough assessment is the best way to evaluate the air quality in your home and pinpoint any ventilation issues. FOCUS ON ENERGY® makes the process easy. Let us connect you with a Trade Ally contractor who will assess your home using special diagnostic tools and make recommendations specific to your needs.

Cash rebates are available for eligible home improvements.

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Review insulation and air sealing rebates and find a Trade Ally contractor to assess your home at [focusonenergy.com/wholehome](https://www.focusonenergy.com/wholehome) or call **800.762.7077**.

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