

How to Bring 19th Century Heating Systems into the 21st Century and Save Lots

If you're like most people, you probably don't think much about your heating system. But if you're living in an old house, there's a good chance that your heating system is inefficient and costing you a lot of money.



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The good news is that there are a number of ways to update your old heating system and save money on your energy bills. Here are a few tips:

1. Install a new boiler

If your boiler is more than 15 years old, it's probably time for a replacement. A new boiler will be more efficient than your old one, and it will save you money on your energy bills.

2. Add insulation to your home

Insulation is one of the most effective ways to reduce heat loss in your home. Adding insulation to your attic, walls, and floors can help to keep your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

3. Seal air leaks

Air leaks can allow cold air to enter your home and warm air to escape. Sealing air leaks can help to keep your home more comfortable and reduce your energy bills.

4. Install a programmable thermostat

A programmable thermostat can help you to save money on your energy bills by automatically adjusting the temperature in your home when you're away or sleeping.

5. Get a heating system tune-up

A heating system tune-up can help to improve the efficiency of your system and prevent problems from occurring. A tune-up typically includes cleaning the system, checking the filters, and making any necessary adjustments.

By following these tips, you can bring your 19th century heating system into the 21st century and save lots of money on your energy bills.

If you're not sure how to do any of these things yourself, you can hire a qualified contractor to help you.

Here are some additional tips for saving money on your energy bills:

- **Turn off the lights when you leave a room.**
- **Unplug electronics when you're not using them.**

- **Wash your clothes in cold water.**
- **Air dry your clothes instead of using the dryer.**
- **Lower the temperature on your water heater.**
- **Take shorter showers.**
- **Cook meals at home instead of eating out.**
- **Carpool or take public transportation to work.**

By making small changes to your lifestyle, you can save a lot of money on your energy bills.



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