



Hints For The Home

Modern Vent-Free Fireplaces Provide Heat And Comfort

(NAPSA)—An increasing number of families are warming to the idea of using vent-free gas appliances for supplemental home heat. These environmentally friendly options can give high heating costs the cold shoulder and keep homes warm and comfortable.

Unlike traditional fireplaces, which require venting from the firebox to the exterior of the house through an outside wall or the roof, vent-free appliances can be installed in a wide variety of places in the home. That means, the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance reports, that installation costs of vent-free products can be up to 60 percent less than vented heating appliances.

“Vent-free technology operates at 99 percent efficiency, meaning it delivers 99 cents worth of heat for every dollar of energy cost,” explained Jess Baldwin, vice president of sales for Monessen Hearth Systems Company, a leading supplier of hearth products for Vermont Castings, Majestic and Monessen brands. “Vent-free products are always a popular choice for people looking to save money and choose an environmentally friendly heating source.”

What You Can Get

All sorts of vent-free products are available to fit any home’s décor and heating preference. For example:

- Vent-free gas fireplaces offer flexibility in size, placement (mounting to an interior or exterior wall) and design. They’re



This vent-free gas fireplace is an environmentally friendly, budget-conscious heating option.

often less expensive to purchase and allow for a faster, less disruptive setup in new or remodeled homes.

- Vent-free gas fireplace inserts are a great choice for homes with existing masonry fireplaces because they’re easy to install, result in increased heating efficiency and replicate the look of a traditional wood-burning fireplace with a modern appearance.

- A vent-free gas log set can transform a wood-burning fireplace into an efficient heat source. Log sets maintain the warmth and ambience of a wood-burning fireplace without the mess and labor.

- A vent-free gas stove provides a unique décor option and delivers reliable home heating with the flexibility to fit any space, from contemporary to vintage. With no need for a flue, vent-free gas stoves can be installed almost

anywhere in a room.

“Vent-free fireplaces use great technology that gives owners a simple alternative to traditional fireplaces and the hassles that can sometimes accompany their installation,” said Baldwin.

Vent-free fireplaces safely meet the most-recognized U.S. indoor air quality guidelines and also have built-in safety devices, assuring proper gas flow and operation. They’re permanently connected to a natural gas or propane fuel line—among the cleanest of all fossil fuels, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

How You Can Save

Vent-free products also offer the possibility of zone heating—you can heat the rooms you use the most with an alternate heat source. The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy found this sort of system can provide energy savings of up to 40 percent. Vent-free fireplaces, inserts, log sets and stoves keep all the heat they produce inside the house instead of sending the warm air up a chimney.

Learn More

For further information on vent-free home heating products, see the Monessen Hearth Systems Company brands’ websites: www.vermontcastings.com, www.majesticproducts.com and www.monessenhearth.com. Additional information and statistics from the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance are at www.ventfree.org.