

Old Fashioned Heat Systems Should Not Stop Redecorating

Don't let old fashioned heat distributors upset your plans for decorating or modernizing your home.

Although old fashioned radiators and registers do not meet the demands of modern heating systems, pre-planning and guidance from a reliable heating contractor can help resolve your needs at moderate cost.

Outmoded floor registers and protruding radiators are unsightly. They often prevent you from laying new wall to wall carpeting. They create problems in drapery and furniture placement and in kitchens when you want to install new cabinets or appliances.

Problems Concentrated
According to the Better Heating-Cooling Council, it is not always necessary to tear out the entire heating system to overcome these problems. Since problems are usually concentrated in only one room; the trick therefore, is to concentrate on that one. For example, installing a new length of duct from the heating plant to a more suitable location in the room may do away with a floor register.

Old fashioned radiators ex-

tending 10 to 12 inches from the wall are easily replaced with convectors. These modern and efficient type radiators can be recessed in the walls and connected to the same piping used by the old radiators.

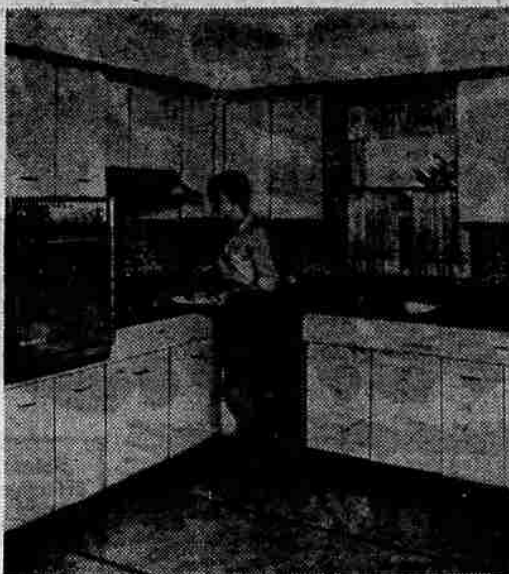
Moreover, if changes are required in more than one room, convectors can be installed in a room at a time, spreading out installation costs.

Select New One

Should you decide to replace the entire heating system, select a new one that does not require tearing walls and floors apart for installation.

New hydronic (hot water) heating systems that use finger-size flexible tubing are easily installed without making major alterations in the house, the council says. Hydronic tubing conveys heated water to modern baseboard heat distributors.

Baseboard units are installed at floor level against the "outside" walls which are exposed to the weather. These wall-hugging units do not interfere with carpeting, drapery or furniture. Special radiant baseboards can be installed near the ceiling in small kitchens where base cabinets and appliances leave little or no space for heat distributors.



LOOK LARGER—Kitchens look larger with built-in appliances, which in addition to creating the modern look, supply additional storage and work space. Shown here are such built-ins as an electric oven and companion surface burner, undercounter ice maker and disposal unit cabinets.

Placing of Drain Pipe Important

Proper sizing and placing of downspout conductor pipes is essential to a correct roof drainage system.

Downspouts should be located at the ends or outside corners of roof gutters, the Roof Drainage Manufacturers Institute warns. If sized too small, they can't handle water flow and the backup causes

overflowing gutters.

Gutters should be sloped about one inch in 16 feet toward a downspout to insure proper drainage. Gutter size depends on roof pitch and area to be drained. Style and slope of the gutters, number, location and size of conductor pipes also help determine how big gutters must be.

Below Roof

Outer edge of the gutter should be installed below the roof line extension to protect it from rain, snow and ice damage.

Remember, roof drainage problems can be avoided if you check your gutters and downspouts twice a year.

Look for damaged areas; supports may be loose or gutter edges slipping; etc.

It's important to regularly clean out all leaves, branches and other debris that clog gutters and downspouts.

Backyard Pools Are Popular in Country

All over the country you can hear it.

The door slamming, the slap of bare feet against the ground, the whoop and holler — and the big splash.

For the big thing this year, next year, and for years to come is the backyard swimming pool.

Americans this year are building an estimated 70,000 swimming pools — the great majority residential — says the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau. This brings the total number of pools in the country to well over 300,000. Most of these are made of steel or reinforced concrete.

VARIETY IN POLE LAMPS

Pole lamps continue to grow in varieties of types and uses. The slender steel floor-to-ceiling poles are fitted with lamps for all decorative periods from colonial to modern.

Screen Repairs Advice Given; Paint Suggested

Don't be caught with your screens down when the fly season begins. Check them now to see whether the frames and mesh need repairing and if any rust is to be removed.

Paint is the best protection against screen rust. While screens made of aluminum, brass or copper will not rust away, they do corrode. The result is that rain creates an ugly downwash from the metal which may stain the wood work or masonry below, causing an unnecessary paint job or some hard cleaning.

The easiest way to paint a screen is to lay it across a pair of saw horses, but two boxes the same height will do.

Clean Off Screens

Be sure to first clean all soil from the screens by going over them with a cloth saturated with turpentine or odorless paint thinner. If you are doing the job indoors, be sure to have adequate ventilation. Remove rust from steel screening by carefully rubbing with steel wool. Prime any bare spots with a metal primer.

The paint industry, which has a quality product for almost any purpose, has developed special screen enamels. These are thin high-gloss enamels which do not clog the mesh and which give the wire a strong, rust-resistant coating. These enamels can also be used for the frames.

Galvanized steel screening requires its own special primer. This is known as metallic zinc paint or as zinc-dust-zinc oxide paint. If you don't like its silver gray color, this paint can be tinted to your taste with oil colors.

Use Spar Varnish

If you want to keep the original color of copper or brass screens, use spar varnish or any exterior varnish, or exterior lacquer.

Aluminum screening and frames should be primed with zinc chromate and then be finished off with screen enamel. If you want to keep the gleam of the aluminum, do not prime, but instead use a good exterior lacquer or a longer lasting spar varnish.

Screen enamels can be used for the frames, but many people prefer to use the tough, color-fast trim-and-trellis enamels. Regular house paint can also be used on the frames providing the metal ones have been primed.

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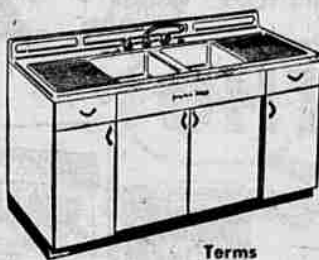
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