

5 Things Homeowners Should Know Before Buying a Furnace

When a furnace is in its last days, homeowners sometimes feel stressed about having to make some tough decisions quickly. By knowing what to consider before purchasing a new furnace, the process will seem less overwhelming, allowing you to make a decision that aligns with your budget and needs.



WHAT HOMEOWNERS SHOULD KNOW WHEN SHOPPING FOR A FURNACE

✓ 1. Frequency of furnace repairs

- **Narrow your furnace choices:** It is important to have a few front runners that you can investigate further.
- **Research options:** Make sure you understand reliability and user satisfaction through online reviews, and asking HVAC professionals.
- **Warranties:** Generally speaking, a furnace with a longer warranty is more reliable and less likely to need frequent repairs.

✓ 2. Expected operating costs

- **Calculate BTU's for your home:** British thermal units (BTU) help you calculate the heating capacity of a furnace. Be sure to match the heating capacity with your home size and geographic area.
- **Calculate cost:** Once you've selected furnaces that are right for you home, make sure you check the energy guide label to estimate yearly operating costs.

✓ 3. Necessary system maintenance

- **Professional maintenance:** Regular professional maintenance will ensure your furnace lasts and operates at peak performance.
- **At-home maintenance:** Replacing filters, keeping vents clear, keeping outdoor units free of yard waste and debris, and inspecting your corner flame to ensure its blue will keep your furnace healthy.

✓ 4. Tune-ups

- **Specialist tasks:** You will need to have a HVAC specialist come out to regularly inspect and maintain your furnace. When they are there, they will clean components, check for cracks and leaks, clean components, check ventilation and other safety features, and perform amp-draw tests to examine electrical conditions.

✓ 5. Frequency of maintenance

- **Yearly check-up:** Outside of issues with the furnace, you should plan on having an HVAC specialist come out once a year to ensure your system is safe and running well.
- **Don't forget:** Failing to schedule annual maintenance will void the warranty, so don't forget!

When you need a new furnace, let the experts at AAA Heating and Cooling help you find a unit that matches your comfort needs and budget.

Contact us today to learn more about choosing the best furnace for your home.

