APPLIANCES 101:

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KNOW YOUR HEAT PUMPS

O1 WHAT ARE HEAT PUMPS?

Heat pumps are appliances that **transfer heat** by circulating **refrigerant** via an **electric pump** and **compressor** through a cycle of **evaporation** and **condensation**. This system is used in **refrigeration**, **water heating**, **and space conditioning**. Common examples include **refrigerators**, **freezers**, **and air conditioners**.

Whereas most heat pumps supply either heating or cooling, space conditioning heat pumps provide both: in the summer, the system extracts heat from **inside** your home and releases it **outside**. In the winter, heat is extracted from the **outside** and released **inside**.



Compressor Evaporation Expansion Valve

For single-family and multi-family housing: Space conditioning heat pumps can be used in conjunction with ceiling fans and exhaust fans for improved comfort and air quality while providing flexible loads.



Combined heat pump water heater for domestic hot water and space heating/cooling

Air-source heat pump space conditioning

02 HEAT PUMP TECHNOLOGIES

Ducted

+ Delivers heated or cooled air through a duct system
+ Provides stable air circulation, filtration, and humidity control

Split

+ A two-unit system with an indoor evaporator and outdoor condenser and compressor
 + Achieves higher efficiency than packaged systems

Ductless Mini-split

+ A two-unit system that uses indoor wall, floor, or ceilings units to heat/cool smaller spaces + Ideal for small space & additions, or when ductwork is not an option

Packaged Through-the-wall

+ A self-contained unit that slides into the wall for installation

- + Low installation costs
- + High maintenance & operating costs

03 TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY?

Pros

- + Energy-efficient
- + Lower running costs
- + Less maintenance
- + Safer than combustion-based
- heating systems
- + Superior indoor air quality
- + Fewer CO2 emissions
- + Year-round climate control
- + Long life-span (+50 years)

Cons

+ **Retrofit costs will vary** based on existing systems and panel capacity.

- + Cold weather can **damage**
- the system
- + Requires **electricity** to run