

# Neighbourhood Home Comfort



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- Gas and propane furnaces
- Gas, Propane and Electric water heaters
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- Programmable and internet thermostats


## Wishing You Warmest Holiday Greetings

*In the Warmth of your home in this season of Cheer  
Gather in your Family and Friends far and near.  
Remember the good times, rejoice in your gifts.  
Be Thankful and Merry, your spirits to Lift.*

*In the Warmth of your home in this season of Cheer  
Remember our friendship and that we are near  
To Service your heating and cooling needs right.  
We cherish your comfort these deep winter nights.*

*Wishing you joy this season,  
And a Happy New Year*

*Narín*



## Heat Your House with A Merry Party

Looking To Save Heating Costs this Winter?

### Throw a party!

Of course you'll want to celebrate with friends this season. And now you have a perfect excuse.

Every person added to a home brings in 175 watts of extra heat.

If you invite 10 friends over, that's 1750 extra watts of heat— more than your typical space heater.

So when you plan your activity. Don't turn up the heat to create a warm atmosphere.

Your friends will warm your spirits and your house. It just happens

naturally. Call it organic heating.

### Impress Your Friends!

And now you have a fun fact to impress your friends with at the next party you attend or throw.

No wonder winter parties seem the warmest. Invite lots of friends and keep cozy.

## Improve Efficiency with a Programmable Thermostat



If you still have an old dial thermostat, it's time to upgrade. Newer thermostats help your furnace work more efficiently and save you money.

If you turn down the heat 10° to 15° for 8 hours, you can save 5% to 15% a year on your heating bill. Figure as much as 1% for each

degree if the cooler period is eight hours long. It will be less when the weather bitter cold.

### Save Money While Sleeping

You can program your thermostat to reduce the heat when everyone is asleep. Before you get up, your new thermostat can bring the temperature back to your comfort zone.

Want a setback while you're at work, but not on the weekends? A modern thermostat can arrange that.

### Override for You Convenience

Some programmable thermostats can store up to six or more settings a day. Of course each setting can be manually overridden. Staying up late? Keep the heat up longer too, just by pressing a button.

Have a cottage in the mountains? Keep the temp on low to prevent the pipes from freezing. When you plan to visit, use your phone app to boost up the heat. It will be toasty by the time you arrive.

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*Have A question? Call Ottawa Plumbing and heating and ask it.. If the question appears in Ask Dot—you get a prize!*

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## ASK DOT! Should I Turn Down the Heat When I'm Away?

**Dear Dot:**

I leave the house at 8 am on week days and don't get home until 6 pm. It seems silly to be heating the house that whole time. But my friend says that's not efficient. It costs as much to bring the temperature back up—to heat the walls, furniture and all. Who is right?

Frugal Fran

**Dear Frugal Fran,**

You have a chance to educate your friend. It is more energy efficient to lower your heat when you will be gone for more than 4 hours in a day. When your house drops in temperature, there is less difference between inside and outside so the heat loss is less.

Oil, gas, or propane furnaces do not work harder to bring the temperature back up.

With programmable thermostats you can have your house warmed back up to the ideal temperature by the time you get back home. Getting home early? Some thermostats can be remotely changed with your phone app.



## Three Causes of Roof Ice... and how to stop it

Do you have ice build-up on your roof? It damages gutters and ruins roofs. It means hot air leaking from house to insulated attic. Check for:

**Pot lights improperly installed.** They can break the vapor barrier and let hot air

rising from heated space to the attic.

**Un-insulated Showers.** The heat rises through them and the ceiling creating a hot spot on the roof.

**Thin insulation.** Any thin spot of insulation allow heat

to rise to the roof.

For all these problems, the answer is more insulation in the ceiling to keep the heat in the house. A vapor barrier placed between drywall and joists in the ceiling will also help prevent both roof rot

## Should You Switch from Oil to Propane?



Mike inherited the family home from his Dad. It was full of memories, childhood treasures, and furnishings. Then, one day, 1000 gallons of oil covered the basement floor. The tank leaked spilling toxic fuel. The clean-up cost the insurance company a million dollars. It cost Mike his home. It had to be torn down to clean up the spill.

Every day insurances companies are canceling policies of owners using oil for heat. They want to rid themselves of the high risk and high cost of fixing spills. Even owners who care for their tanks are not exempt. Is it time for you to switch?

- Insurance companies are making it harder to keep your old furnace. Avoid the time crunch of replacing it after you get the cancelation letter.
- Oil efficiency is 50-85% efficient. Propane runs 95-97% efficiency.
- Propane burns cleaner. It is environmentally healthier for the air.
- You have better and newer choices in your heating needs. Check out the newest technology in highly efficient gas furnaces and low temperature heat pumps.

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## Don't be SAD, Get Krumper's See-Through, Solar Shades

"One of the most peaceful views for me is watching the falling snow," Patricia says. "I never get tired of watching the flakes dance. But my arthritis always acts up when I'm near the chill of the window."

Patricia felt gloomy and depressed when she closed the dark drapes to keep the cold out. On a limited budget, she couldn't afford the extra heating costs to keep the windows free and clear.

Patricia struggled with the balance between light and happiness, and shuttered windows and depression. Then she discovered this Ottawa based company.

### Beautiful View in Winter

Krumpers Solar Blinds promised to not only keep the cold out... but actually bring warmth and light in.

"I couldn't believe it," Patricia said. "These were clear blinds. It was like looking through my sun glasses—just reducing glare." But they offered a thermal barrier that reduced cold entry by up to 71%. It also lowered ice build-up on the window panes.

### Free Passive Solar Heat

Additionally, the shades created passive solar heat. A 4'x4' window receiving direct sun can produce 2096 BTU's an hour of free heat!

Patricia learned she could measure her windows and order the custom blinds on line. They created a shade for her big patio door, and even one for the triangular window in the roof peak.

She felt the difference the moment they were installed. "My

arthritis and my soul just loves these solar blinds," Patricia said.

And her wallet loved them too! Patricia saved about 40% on her heating and cooling costs.

When summertime came, Patricia simply reversed the blinds to keep the hot sun out and the cool air inside.

Krumpers Solar Blinds are the only state of the art blinds to

stop the heat and sun's rays in summer, keep the warmth inside in winter, and still SEE through the windows.

For information on Krumpers Solar Blinds call Ottawa Plumbing and Heating. 613.596.5711

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Krumpers Solar Blinds lets in warmth but keeps out cold and glair.

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### Quick Heat Loss tips

**Close your blinds or shades.** Low e double pane windows only have an R 4.5 rating. Create a barrier to stop heat transfer.

**Add weather stripping** around doors and windows. If you can see daylight, cold air is coming in. Adjust the striker plate to create a tight-seal. Or use foam strips to stop the cold air.

**Insulate exterior wall sockets and switches.** Can you feel a cold draft from light switches and outlets **on outside walls?** Unscrew your cover and add a simple foam receptacle insulator.

**Calk window and door frames.** Calk any place that breaks the house “envelope” and lets in air. Windows, doors, plumbing, electrical.

**Fireplace flue.** Close the damper if you’re not using **the it.**

Place Stamp Here

## Make Your Holiday Party Outstanding

### Shake Up Your Holiday Party

Try these ideas to add a little twist to those special parties.

- **Change up the color scheme.** Add pink or turquoise. Move from traditional red and green. Create an elegant party in silver and gold. Make it more relaxing with earth tones.
- **Add Humor.** Love the funny greeting cards? Add puns, silly songs, or funny pictures to your party. Ask each guest to bring a joke.
- **Create a theme party.** Make it service oriented. Choose a retro theme. Or a sporting theme. Pick music to match. Do you want western, lounge style, classical, or modern? Ask your guests to bring their favorite music—or send titles as

they RSVP.

- **Start a New Tradition.** Perhaps instead of exchanging gifts, guest bring gifts for homeless. Or you create a party decorating a local hospital or park.
- **Have a wrapping party.** Invite your friends over to munch and chat while you

all wrap your gifts... away from the prying eyes of family.

- **Create a time capsule.** For your New Year’s party, have each guest write down a prediction for the coming year. Place them all in your “time capsule” and promise to bring them out at next year’s party.

