

# VENTILATION

HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR®

Ah, breathe it in. Fresh air is essential to the health of your home and especially its occupants. Of course it takes a properly-installed ventilation system to make sure the air you breathe is truly up to par. The right setup will protect your home from unwelcome indoor air pollutants and odors, while controlling moisture levels and providing air exchange as needed.

Inadequate ventilation reveals itself in a number of ways. Be on the lookout for lingering odors or musty smells, stale or stuffy air, condensation inside or outside of windows, excessive humidity, and mold or mildew.

## YOU'VE GOT OPTIONS

### Three easy ways to improve indoor air quality:

- **Spot ventilation:** Add a bath or kitchen fan near the moisture or pollution source
- **Whole-house ventilation:** Use a bath fan or a fresh-air-intake on the furnace along with a controller to provide fresh air
- **Heat recovery or energy recovery ventilation:** Make whole-house ventilation a part of your heating system

### Three things to watch out for when improving ventilation:

- Possible backdrafting of combustion appliances
- Overventilation
- Dangerous pollutants entering your home if air sealing between the home and attached garage is not addressed



## SCHEDULE YOUR ASSESSMENT

Find a Trade Ally to assess your home at [focusenergy.com/wholehome](http://focusenergy.com/wholehome) or call 800.762.7077.

## SAVING MONEY AND ENERGY FOR WISCONSIN

Incentives are subject to change and cannot exceed project costs. Focus on Energy, Wisconsin utilities' statewide program for energy efficiency and renewable energy, helps eligible residents and businesses save energy and money while protecting the environment. Focus on Energy information, resources and financial incentives help to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that otherwise would not be completed.

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## ADDRESSING VENTILATION ISSUES

A thorough assessment is the best way to evaluate the air quality in your home and pinpoint any ventilation issues. Home Performance with ENERGY STAR makes the process easy. The program can connect you with a Trade Ally contractor who will assess your home using special diagnostic tools and modeling software, and make recommendations specific to your needs.

Cash incentives are also available for eligible home improvements.