



What's New with RND

RND Construction is thrilled to announce that we were named 2015 Ontario R-2000* Builder of the Year at the EnerQuality Awards this year.

In addition to our existing new builds and renovations, we are starting an R-2000* custom home in the Glebe. We are also starting another green custom home in Westboro. This one will be R-2000*, Net Zero ready and built to Passive Standards.

Open house continues at our Riverpark Green development located at 793 Fielding Drive and our model is open Sat. & Sun. from noon to 4 pm. You may also view our model home tour online at www.rndconstruction.ca.



Maintaining Your Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) System

How do you know if your HVAC system is operating properly? This is difficult for the average homeowner to figure out until there is no heat, AC or hot water. In addition to keeping you comfortable and safe, the HVAC system accounts for 50% of a typical home energy bill, so having it function as designed makes economic sense.

Today's HVAC systems are becoming more complicated. Your home may have a combination of several of the following: furnace, boiler, on demand or hot water tank, heat pump, geothermal, air conditioner, heat recovery ventilator (HRV), energy recovery ventilator (ERV) or humidifier. It may also have more than one control systems such as thermostats, HRV control and humidistat. Your systems should have been designed, installed and commissioned, including balancing, and programmed for maximum efficiency.

Every homeowner can start by replacing the air filter on a regular basis and make sure that your AC unit is cleaned. Your system is comparable to your car. Your car requires regular maintenance such as oil and filter changes and general service after x kilometres. The same goes for your HVAC system. Have your system inspected annually to keep it in tip-top shape.

HVAC maintenance companies offer various services. For example, Enercare has a protection plan for HVAC equipment which includes an annual maintenance service.

Seasonal Tips

RND would like to remind our clients and associates of the following seasonal maintenance information:

- Inspect your wood-burning fireplace chimney & have it cleaned
- Inspect gas BBQ for any leaks in the hoses & thoroughly clean all burners
- Check and replace your furnace filter
- Gently uncover and clean air conditioning unit to get it ready for peak season
- Perform visual inspection of the house exterior for cracks in siding, roof damages or leaks in hose bibs
- Examine deck wood for any cracks, stains or warping that may have occurred & consider resealing
- Pressure-wash home to remove dirt, stains & mould from siding, garage floors, fences & driveways
- Clean out gutters and make sure they aren't corroded or disconnected
- Prune back tree branches & shrubs that are too close to the house
- Inspect your roof shingles for any damages
- Remove piles of leaves & debris from your property where animals can nest
- Clean HRV filters and check/clean the outdoor intake (if applicable)
- Check all weather-stripping around doors & windows and replace if needed
- Lubricate hinges and hardware on garage door



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