

B.A.P Heating & Cooling Services Ltd. Readies Winter Air Quality Work

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B.A.P Heating & Cooling Services Ltd. has set out its ventilation and indoor air quality preparations for the heating season in Rockwood, where houses shut for several months each winter and the air inside them stops changing over. The Guelph-based company says the calls it receives from the village each year follow a pattern consistent enough to plan around.

B.A.P Heating & Cooling Services Ltd. provides ventilation and indoor air quality work in Rockwood, alongside the heating and cooling services it carries out there. The village sits in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, roughly 12 kilometres east of Guelph on Highway 7. The Eramosa River runs through the Rockwood Conservation Area at the village edge, managed by the Grand River Conservation Authority, and properties bordering the river and the conservation land carry higher ambient moisture through the summer than the surrounding township. The village core holds a concentration of nineteenth-century limestone and frame houses, built around the former mill and quarry economy, whose construction predates any expectation of mechanical ventilation.

The recurring winter pattern is the same across both kinds of property. Once a house has been closed for a few weeks, moisture generated indoors by cooking, washing and occupancy has nowhere to go, and it reports itself on the coldest surfaces in the building. Condensation on window glass is the visible symptom; a damp smell rising from a basement and stale air in rooms nobody opens are the ones homeowners notice later. In houses where a furnace runs almost continuously, the same season produces the opposite complaint, which is air dry enough to be uncomfortable.

"Every January the phone brings the same two calls, and people are often surprised they are the same problem," said Paul Palmer, Owner of B.A.P Heating & Cooling Services Ltd. "One house has water running down the windows and the other one has static shocks off the door handles. Both of them have a house that is sealed up with no planned air exchange going on. Most people treat it as a humidity thing and buy a dehumidifier, when what the building actually wants is a controlled swap of indoor air for outdoor air."

That controlled exchange is what a heat recovery ventilator provides. An HRV draws stale indoor air out and brings outdoor air in through a core that transfers heat between the two streams, so the house changes its air without discarding the warmth it has paid to produce. An energy recovery ventilator does the same while also moderating the moisture carried between the streams, which suits some houses better than others. The Ontario Building Code sets requirements for mechanical ventilation in residential construction, and the company specifies to it on new installations while working to the same logic on retrofits into older stock.

Older Rockwood houses present the harder case, because stone walls offer no cavity to run a duct through and many of the village's oldest properties have limited duct runs to begin with. Work on those buildings is a question of what can realistically be routed and where an exchange point will do useful work, rather than of fitting a standard layout. On properties with existing ductwork, the practical measures are simpler: a filter at an appropriate MERV rating, a whole-home humidifier balanced against the house rather than set and forgotten, and duct cleaning where a system has been circulating accumulated debris.

Preparation ahead of the season is the point the company emphasizes. Assessments, filter changes and humidifier commissioning are all straightforward in the autumn and all competing for the same technicians once the cold sets in, by which time the house has been producing the problem for two months. Scheduling the work before the heating season starts avoids both the delay and the symptoms.

B.A.P Heating & Cooling Services Ltd. has been family-owned and operated since 1997 and is based at the eastern edge of Guelph, which puts Rockwood among the closest of the communities it serves. The company is registered with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority, is a member of the Heating,

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada, and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Seasonal notes and photographs from recent installations are posted on the company's Instagram profile.

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