

# Older Home Heat Pump Retrofit Checklist

NorthWind HVAC - Greater Toronto Area 2026

## Check these before you install a heat pump

- 1

**Assess the ductwork**  
Confirm ducts are sealed, sized right, and can move a heat pump's higher air volume.
- 2

**Check the electrical panel**  
An older 100A panel often needs a 200A upgrade by an ESA-licensed electrician.
- 3

**Air seal and insulate first**  
Fix leaks and thin insulation so you can size a smaller, cheaper unit.
- 4

**Pick ducted or ductless**  
Good ducts mean a central unit; poor or missing ducts point to a mini-split.
- 5

**Decide all-electric or hybrid**  
Go fully electric, or keep the gas furnace as backup for the coldest nights.
- 6

**Confirm rebates are still open**  
Programs change often; verify eligibility before you rely on the savings.

## Typical GTA heat pump costs (2026)

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ductless mini-split (1-2 zones)  | \$4,500 to \$12,000 |
| Central cold-climate heat pump   | \$9,000 to \$20,000 |
| Dual-fuel / hybrid add-on        | \$7,000 to \$16,000 |
| Electrical panel upgrade to 200A | \$2,000 to \$4,500  |

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