

Dual-Fuel Heating Decision Guide

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Signs a dual-fuel system may fit your home

- ☐ **Your home sits further from the city core.**
Areas like Barrie and points north see consistently colder overnight lows than downtown Toronto.
- ☐ **Your ductwork is original and not sized for a heat pump.**
A furnace's stronger output can make up the difference on the coldest nights.
- ☐ **You want efficiency most of the year without giving up a backup fuel source.**
A dual-fuel setup keeps a furnace ready without running it daily.
- ☐ **You already have a working furnace.**
Adding a heat pump alongside it is often simpler than a full system swap.

Questions to ask your installer

- ☐ **What switchover point are you proposing, and how did you calculate it for my ductwork?**
- ☐ **Is my current ductwork sized appropriately for a heat pump's airflow needs?**
- ☐ **What is this specific heat pump model's cold-weather performance rating?**
- ☐ **What permits and licensed-trade sign-offs does this installation require?**
- ☐ **What current rebate or incentive programs might apply to my equipment and postal code?**

Please note:

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