

## Geothermal – Good for your pocketbook, good for the planet

Geothermal is currently a big buzz word, but actually, geothermal heat pumps have been in use since the 1940s. So what is geothermal? To simplify its explanation, the ground acts as a huge solar battery that soaks up the sun's energy and stores it as heat. Geothermal technology takes advantage of that stored heat utilizing the earth's constant 55°F temperature. To simplify it even more, a geothermal HVAC system transfers the stored energy from

the ground to heat and cool your home.

By tapping this steady flow of heat from the earth in the winter, and displacing heat in the earth in the summer, a geothermal heat pump can save homeowners 40% to 70% in heating costs and 50% to 60% in cooling costs compared to conventional systems.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), geothermal systems are "the most energy-efficient, environmentally clean and cost-effective space conditioning systems available today."

A fossil fuel furnace may be 80% to 95% efficient, traditional heat pumps range from 200% to 300%, while a geothermal heat pump is 500% efficient. Also, this does not take into account the benefit of the free hot water during the summer months from a geothermal system, which can save a homeowner around 60% to 80% on a water-heating bill.

Geothermal heating and cooling systems not only save money on energy bills, but also help create a better world. Through the use of sustainable energy sources, the warmth of the earth by the sun, they conserve our planet's nonrenewable reserves of fossil fuels.

Having a geothermal system installed is more expensive than the typical high-efficiency HVAC system, however, with current federal tax credits, state financial incentives,



- ✓ Inspect plumbing fixtures for leaks
- ✓ Shut off exterior faucets
- ✓ Feed the birds

## **Featured Remodeled Bathroom**

Our customers wanted a bathroom in their basement that previously was used for storage. We started from scratch mapping out the size desired and what fixtures and features were wanted. An over-sized shower was installed with grab bars for safety and shelves for convenience. The Moen Traditional two-handle high arc bathroom faucet was chosen with the Mediterranean bronze finish. Our customers chose a dark wood finish for the vanity and the mirror frame. A beautiful glass tile mosaic was set on one wall and wood flooring was chosen to give the bathroom a rich, masculine feel. Call Maeser today for a free estimate on your bathroom remodeling project.



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manufacturer rebates and energy savings, within a few years it will offset those costs. Plus, there is less maintenance required because there are no condensers, burners or chimneys to clean compared to conventional HVAC systems. The estimated system life for inside components is 25 years and 50 years or more for the outside ground loop.

Keeping money in our pockets and being responsible stewards of the earth make geothermal an option everyone should consider.



## Old man winter is here!



Is it time to repair or replace your worn out, old FUR-FUR-FURNACE?

## just ducky recipes...

# Buffalo

- 2 (10-oz) cans chunk chicken, drained
- 1 (8-oz) packages of cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup Ranch dressing
- Chicken Dip
- 3/4 cup Frank's Red Hot Wing Sauce
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Heat chicken and hot sauce in a skillet over medium heat until heated through. Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing. Cook stirring until well blended and warm. Mix in the cheddar cheese and let melt completely. To reduce the fat a little, try the low fat cream cheese and light ranch dressing. Dip with celery sticks or crackers.



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## Denny Crum says,

## **Consider Geothermal**



A couple of years ago we put in a geothermal heating and air conditioning unit at our place and it has saved us over 50% on our heating and air conditioning bill, and our electric bill was huge. All the money we have saved with geothermal, we donated to different charity organizations. We have used Maeser for over 20 years.

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