



Service Bulletin

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DATE: June 13, 2017
TO: Goodman & Amana Sales and Distribution
SUBJECT: Use of Furnaces for Construction Heat

The Goodman & Amana business unit supports the coalition of furnace manufacturers led by the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) to prohibit the future use of gas furnaces as construction heaters. The reasons behind this initiative were outlined in HRAI's position paper "Gas Furnace Use in Construction Heat" dated January 29, 2016 which was widely distributed to HRAI members and homebuilders associations across Canada.

All gas furnace manufacturers who are members of HRAI supported this initiative and agreed to update their gas furnace installation manuals to include the following sentence:

"Gas furnaces manufactured on or after May 1, 2017 are not permitted to be used in Canada for heating of buildings or structures under construction."

This letter informs our customers the applicable installation manuals for gas furnaces have been updated to include this sentence as of May 1, 2017.

Stakeholders are developing a checklist to be completed before turning on the furnace. The form requires builders and activating heating contractors to verify that interior drywall installation is complete and primed prior to any steps are taken to activate the furnace. Additionally, the heating contractor is required to verify that a new filter with a minimum MERV 11 rating is installed, the house has been substantially cleaned, and the furnace has been set up per the manufacturer's installation instructions and information on the furnace serial plate.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please contact your local Goodman & Amana technical service manager or sales contact.

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