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CAN I DOWNSIZE A GAS FURNACE?

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It is harder to down-size an old gas furnace than an oil furnace, but it can be made to operate more efficiently.-- Increase the fan speed to draw more heat out of the furnace.-- Increase the "fan-on" time before and after operation to draw more heat out of the furnace.-- Install an electronic pilot light to do away with the continuous burning traditional pilot light.-- Chimney heat reclaiming devices or "flue heat exchangers" are illegal in Canada on gas installations because they cool the gases down too much, forming acid inside the chimney.

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