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*Warmth*

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**PRE-SEASON:** Wood fireplaces should have the chimney cleaned and inspected annually to ensure there are no blockages and the chimney has not deteriorated, which would compromise proper operation and safety. Gas fireplaces should also be cleaned and maintained annually. This ensures the proper operation of the burner and safety components. Annual maintenance includes cleaning the burners and replacing embers, which not only helps the fireplace run efficiently but makes it look sleek, stylish and new.

**THE BUSINESS:** Family-run **Top Hat Home Comfort Services** began as a chimney-cleaning service in 1974. Since then, they've expanded their product and service offerings to meet consumers' needs and tastes. Their slate of residential services includes chimney rebuilding, heating and air conditioning, fireplace sales and installation, roofing, indoor air quality, eavestrough/gutter helmet services and carpet cleaning. They have grown to be one of the largest home comfort and maintenance firms in the Ottawa region by caring deeply about their work and their customers. They have two bright and beautiful showrooms (Nepean and Carleton Place) where customers can see and appreciate the impact of a well-styled fireplace.



**UPGRADE OR REPLACE:** Older fireplaces can be significant sources of energy loss. Installing a wood or gas fireplace insert can transform the appearance and dramatically improve energy efficiency. Replacing a prefabricated wood fireplace with a high-efficiency wood or gas fireplace creates a range of new options.

**WOOD VS. GAS FIREPLACE:** The relative ease with which you can spark a fire with a flick of a switch on a gas fireplace can be attractive. Still, there remains a certain allure with a wood fireplace. Picture the hypnotic, dancing flames, the signature smells and the tranquil crackle of a wood fire. Many modern wood fireplaces are extremely efficient and are a beautiful, environmentally-friendly source of heat with complete freedom from fuel suppliers.

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