# PARTICIPATING CONTRACTOR CO-OP ADVERTISING PROGRAM



# Grow Your Business With Promotional Support From the Residential Heating, Cooling and Water Heating Program

Consumers Energy is providing co-operative advertising funding to participating contractors to assist in the promotion of the Consumers Energy Residential Heating, Cooling and Water Heating program. Contractors will be able to reserve up to \$5,000 in matching advertising funds for advertising taking place between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31, 2019. Matching funds are available to advertise the central air conditioner and furnace replacement and comprehensive tune-up programs, using the print advertisements, digital banner advertisements, direct mail postcard mailings and community events shown in the following guide.



#### **Program Details**

- Matching funds are available for digital banner advertisements, print advertisements, direct mail postcard mailings
  and community events that run between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31, 2019. To qualify for funding, contractors must email
  hvaccoopads@icf.com to request the advertisement templates shown in this guide, and must use the templates as
  described on page 4 under the Reimbursement Process section. Contractors must submit all advertising designs for
  final approval before the advertisement runs. Approval will require at least five business days.
- Matching funds are available to reimburse 50 percent of the total advertising cost, up to \$5,000 per participating contractor. Funding will be on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.
- Using the form on page 5, request matching funds for your planned advertising. See pages 4 and 5 for submission deadlines.
- All supporting documentation must be received by ICF by Nov. 15, 2019. Approved reimbursements will be disbursed by Jan. 31, 2020.
- Materials advertising heating and cooling comprehensive tune-ups may only be used by participating
   Consumers Energy tune-up contractors. Contact us for more information about enrolling as a tune-up contractor.

Note: Receiving confirmation that funds have been reserved for your planned advertising does not guarantee that you will receive co-op advertising funds; all other conditions must be met with respect to acceptable run dates and verification documentation to receive reimbursement.

#### **Acceptable Media Formats and Approval Process**

Consumers Energy has designed advertisement templates to be used by contractors in the Co-Op Advertising program. Please read the following for advertisement specifications and instructions.

#### Digital Banner Advertisements

- Digital banner advertisements are available in three sizes (728 x 90, 300 x 250, 160 x 600), two color options (dark blue and light blue) and four message options (AC replacement, cooling comprehensive tune-up, furnace replacement or heating comprehensive tune-up), as shown on pages 6–11. These templates allow space for contractors to add their own custom advertisement. Email hvaccoopads@icf.com to request the advertisement template files.
- Contractor may request a custom-sized digital advertisement by emailing hvaccoopads@icf.com. Please include the
  size you need and whether you prefer the dark blue or light blue advertisement. Please also indicate whether you'd
  like the AC replacement, cooling comprehensive tune-up, furnace replacement or heating comprehensive tune-up
  message option. Allow two weeks for delivery of the custom-sized advertisement and an additional two weeks for the
  approval process.
- Banner ads should link to your company's webpage to enable customers to find more information about your business.
- For contractors to qualify for co-funding, banner ad files must be used as is. Contractors are not permitted to modify the pre-approved designs.
- Contractor must submit all advertising designs for approval before the advertising runs. Approval will require at least five business days. Please email all materials to hvaccoopads@icf.com for approval.

#### Print Advertisements

- Print advertisement templates are available in two sizes and two color options, as shown on pages 12–35. These templates allow space for contractors to add their own custom advertisement.
- Email hvaccoopads@icf.com to request the advertisement template package.
- Contractor may request a custom-sized print advertisement by emailing hvaccoopads@icf.com. Please include the
  size you need and whether you prefer the dark blue or light blue advertisement. Please also indicate whether you'd
  like the AC replacement, cooling comprehensive tune-up, furnace replacement or heating comprehensive tune-up
  message option. Allow two weeks for delivery of the custom-sized advertisement and an additional two weeks for the
  approval process.

- For a contractor to remain eligible for co-funding, the Consumers Energy-branded portion of the ad must not be removed or modified in any way. Before advertisements are placed, contractors must submit their final ad design to Consumers Energy for approval to ensure that the ad remains in line with program branding.
- Ads must be in four-color process, to allow for correct reproduction of the Consumers Energy element.
- Contractor must submit all advertising designs for approval before the advertising runs. Approval will require at least five business days. Please email all materials to hvaccoopads@icf.com for approval.

#### Direct Mail Postcards

- Direct mail postcards are available in two designs, as shown on pages 36–39. These templates allow space for contractors to add their own custom advertisement. Email hvaccoopads@icf.com to request the template package.
- Quantities of up to 2,000 postcards are available to contractors free of charge. Request postcards by completing
  the Funds Reservation Request Form on page 5. For pricing on larger orders, please contact the program team at
  hvaccoopads@icf.com. Postage costs for distributing to your customer base are eligible for co-funding through the
  co-op program.
- Contractor must submit all advertising designs for approval before the advertising runs. Approval will require at least five business days. Please email all materials to hvaccoopads@icf.com for approval.

#### Community Events

- To qualify for co-funding, contractor must display the Residential Heating, Cooling and Water Heating Program Terms
  and Conditions leave-behind (with rebate chart) and at least one of the following customer brochures at a community
  outreach event. The other collateral listed below are also recommended:
  - » Terms and Conditions leave-behind (with rebate chart)
  - » Customer brochure
  - » Bi-fold brochure
  - » Programmable thermostat educational leave-behind card
  - » Comprehensive AC tune-up leave-behind card
  - » Tune-up program customer overview
- To request additional program collateral for an event, please fill out and submit a materials request form.
- Contractor must submit a photo of the event table for approval during or after the event. Proof of attendance and submission of the registration invoice are required for reimbursement. Approval will require at least five business days. Please email the photo to hvaccoopads@icf.com for approval.

#### Reimbursement Process

To receive funding, you must include supporting documentation for each type of advertisement. Please see the specifications below.

- Supporting documentation will vary based on media being used:
  - Digital Banner Ads: Invoice from the media outlet and screenshot of banner ad(s) online
  - Print Ads: Invoice from the print publication (e.g., newspaper, magazine) and a tear sheet for each run date
  - Direct Mail Postcards: Postage receipt from the United States Postal Service or the vendor used
  - Community Events: Invoice from the event and photo of table at the event
- Supporting documentation must be received by Consumers Energy c/o ICF at the Jackson address no later than Nov. 15, 2019. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Documentation received after Nov. 15, 2019, will result in no co-op advertising funds being awarded. For all advertisement types, please also include a copy of your company's W-9 form, required by ICF to process your payment.
- If supporting documentation has been scanned, it may be submitted by mail or email. If submitting by mail, documentation must be received on or before Nov. 15, 2019. A Nov. 15 postmark will not qualify.

By mail:

Consumers Energy HVAC Co-Op Ad Program c/o ICF P.O. Box 1468 Jackson, MI 49204 By email:

hvaccoopads@icf.com

Reimbursement will occur in the form of a check to the contractor, which will be issued on or before Jan. 31, 2020.

#### Co-Op Advertising Program Checklist

- By Aug. 1, 2019, request matching funds for your planned advertising using the form on the next page. Please submit your request by Aug. 1 so that we may earmark funds for your company. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding requests may not be submitted after Aug. 1.
- Email hvaccoopads@icf.com to request prints and/or the template package for your advertisements.
- Submit your ad design for review and approval at least 10 days prior to your advertisement's start date. Please allow our team as much review time as possible to account for any requested revisions to your company's ad.
- By Nov. 15, 2019, submit supporting documentation for your advertisements that run between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31, 2019, along with your company's W-9 form for payment processing.

#### **Funds Reservation Request Form**

To be eligible to receive co-op funds, contractor must submit completed form by Aug. 1, 2019, or 10 business days (minimum) before advertisement insertion deadline. Please submit your request for funding as soon as possible. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is not guaranteed.

Company Name:		Contact No	Contact Name:	
Street Address:				
City:		State:	ZIP:	
Email Address:		Phone:	Fax:	
Media	Run Date(s)	Total Cost	Estimated Impressions	
☐ Digital Banner Ads				
☐ Print Ads			<u> </u>	
Direct Mail	Mail Date	Total Postage Co	st Total Postcards Requested	
☐ Direct Mail Postcard Note: Marketing material may o	 nly be used during run date(s) o	or mail date.		
Community Events	Event Date(s)	Total Cost		
Matching funds requested	l: \$(	50 percent of total cost, up	p to \$5,000)	
	ntee that I will receive co-	op advertising funds, and t	ands have been reserved for my planned that all other conditions must be met with abursement.	
Contractor:				
Authorized Representative	e:			
Title:				
Date:				
Signature:				

Please submit this completed form to hvaccoopads@icf.com.

#### **Cooling System Equipment Replacement Message**



728 X 90 pixels Available in dark blue and light blue

#### Cooling System Tune-Up Message



728 X 90 pixels Available in dark blue and light blue

#### Heating System Equipment Replacement Message



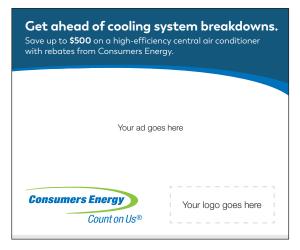
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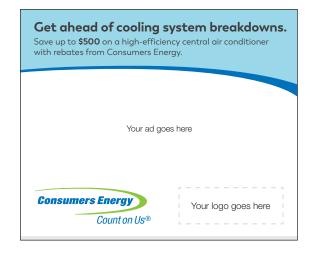
#### Heating System Tune-Up Message



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#### **Cooling System Equipment Replacement Message**





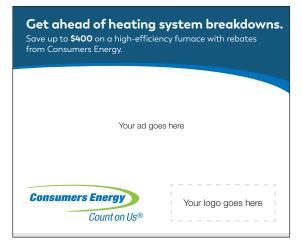
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#### **Heating System Equipment Replacement Message**





Get ahead of heating system breakdowns.

Save up to **\$400** on a high-efficiency furnace with rebates

from Consumers Energy.

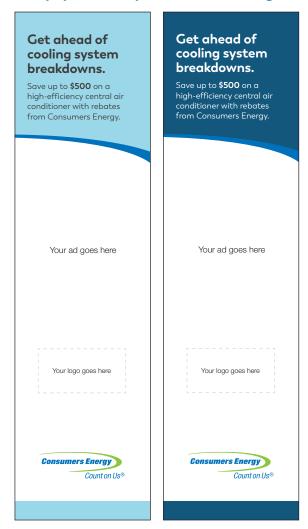
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# Cooling System Equipment Replacement Message



160 X 600 pixels Available in dark blue and light blue

## Cooling System Tune-Up Message



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## Heating System Equipment Replacement Message



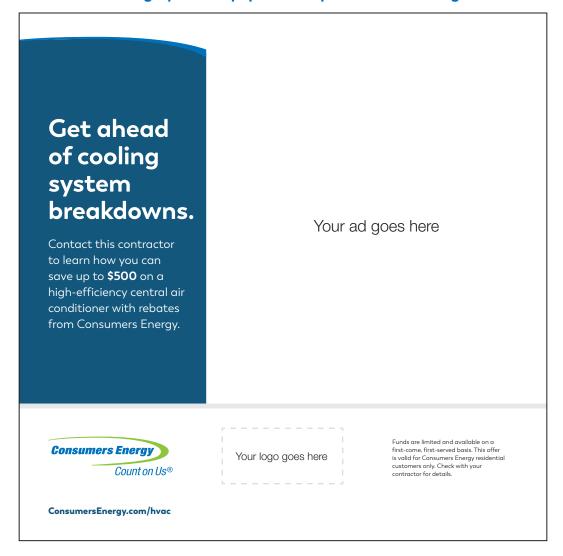
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#### Heating System Tune-Up Message

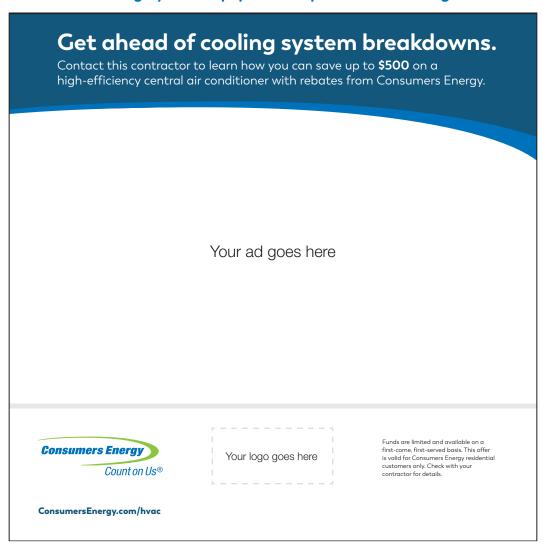


160 X 600 pixels Available in dark blue and light blue

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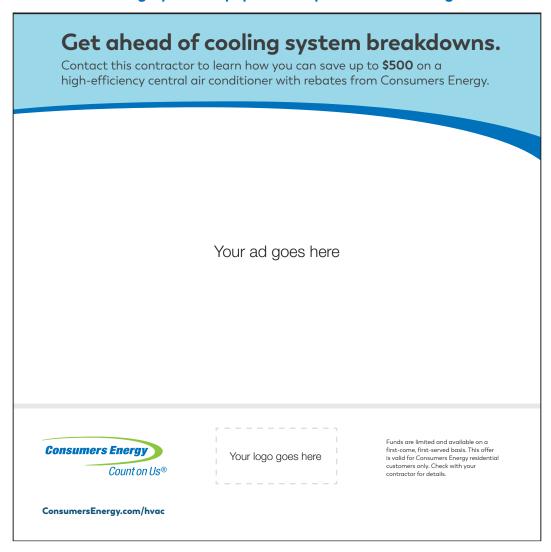
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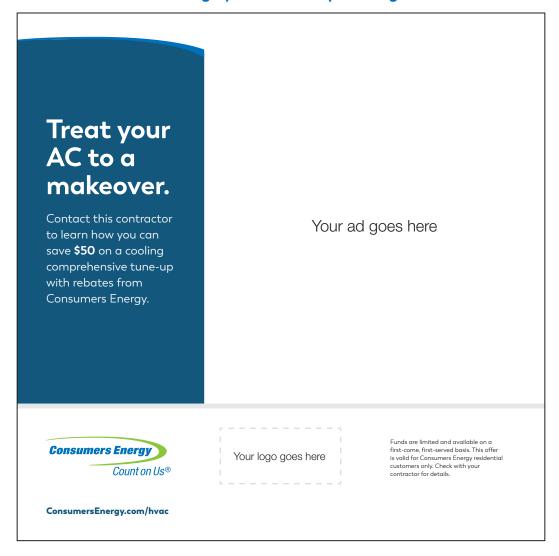
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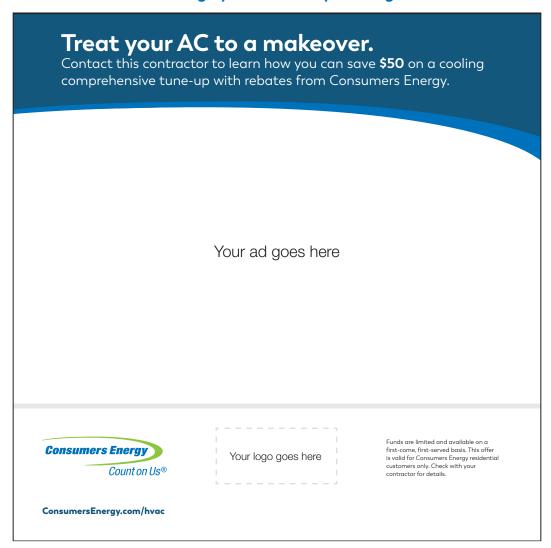
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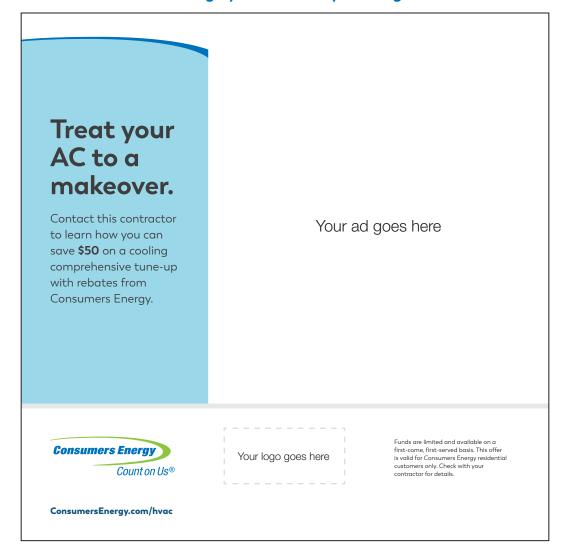
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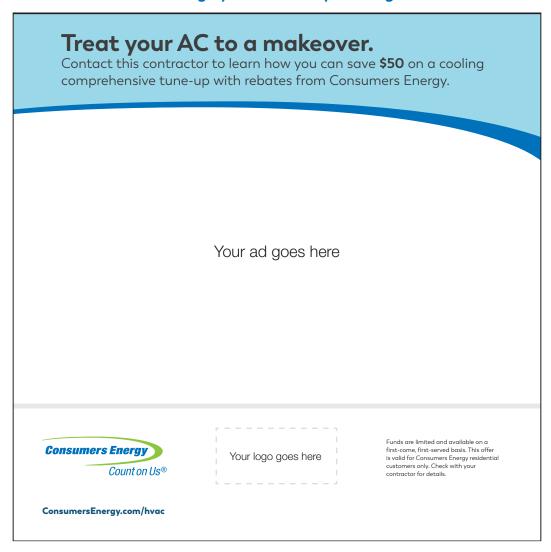
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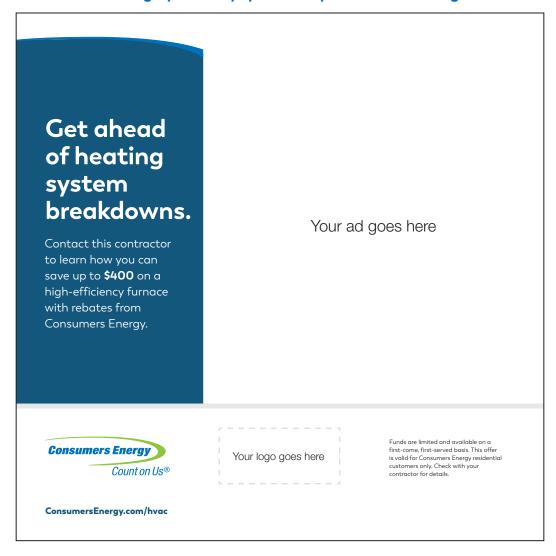
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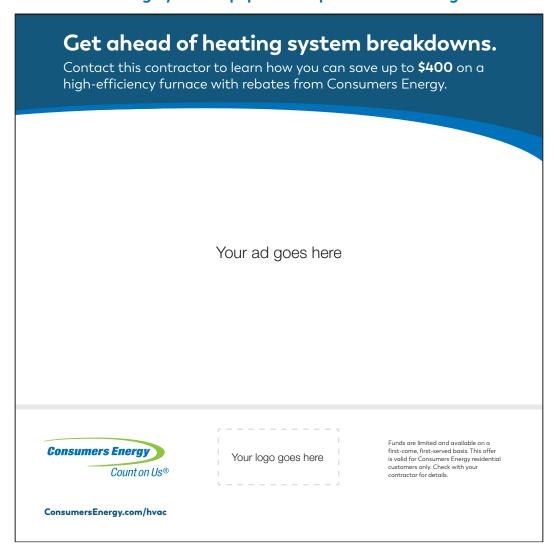
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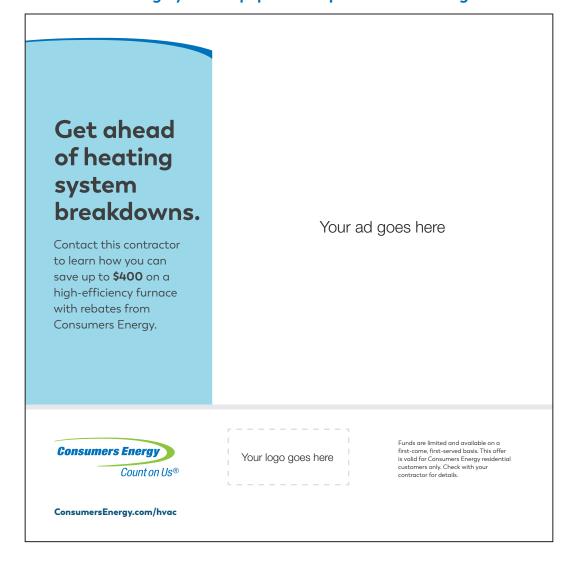
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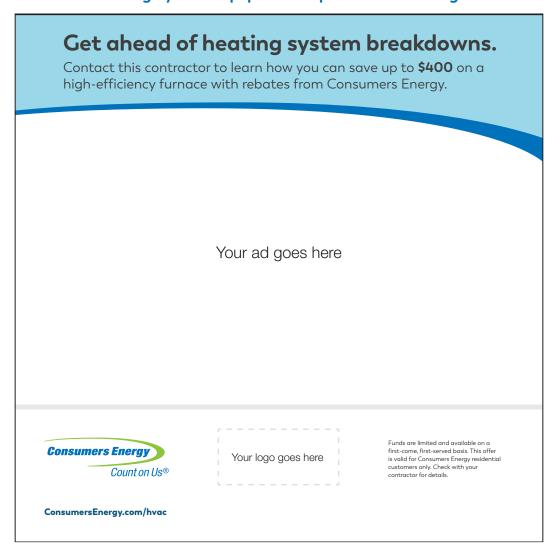
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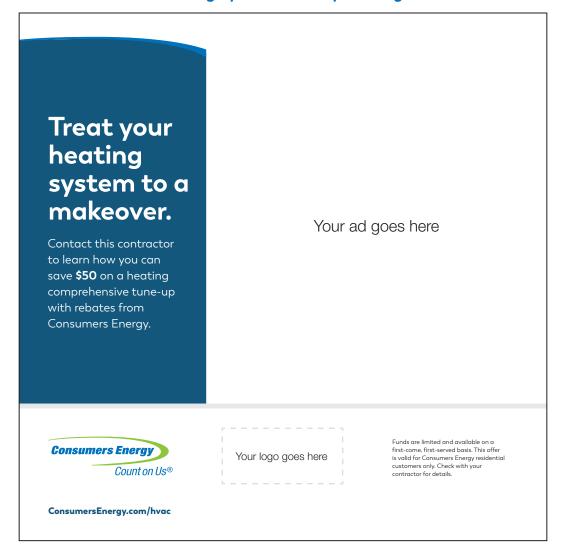
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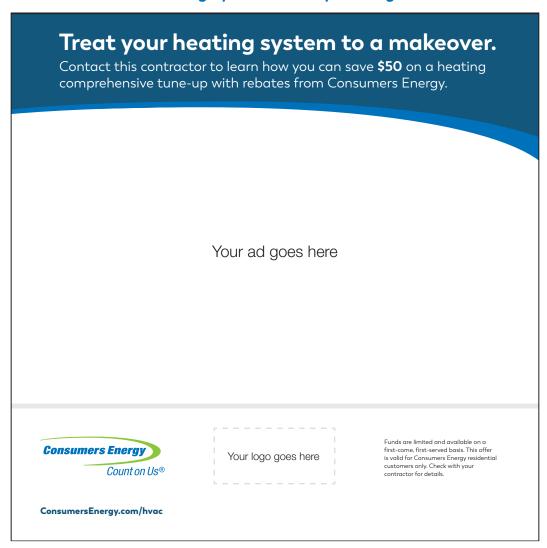
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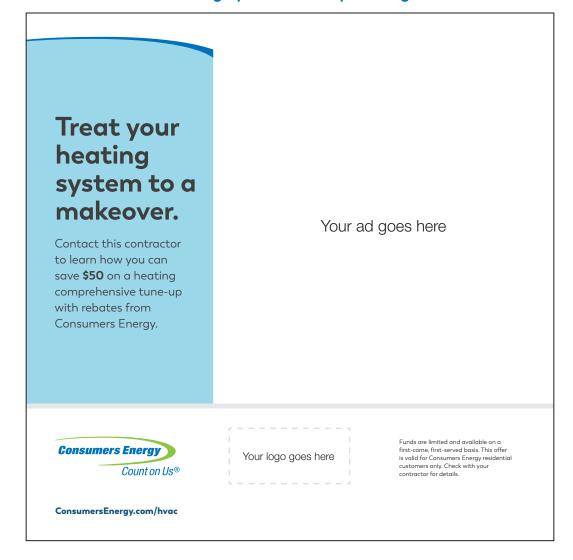
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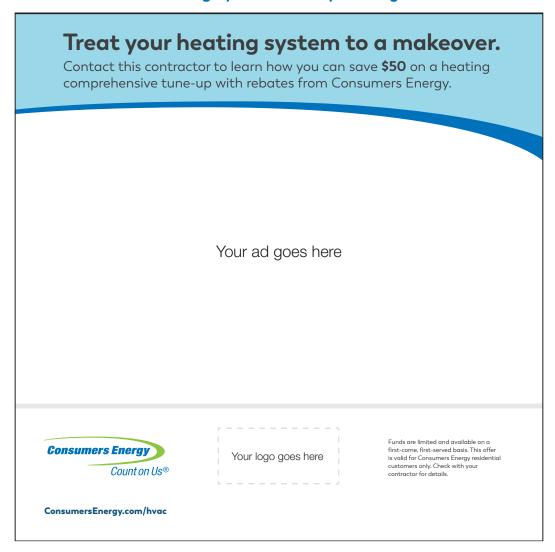
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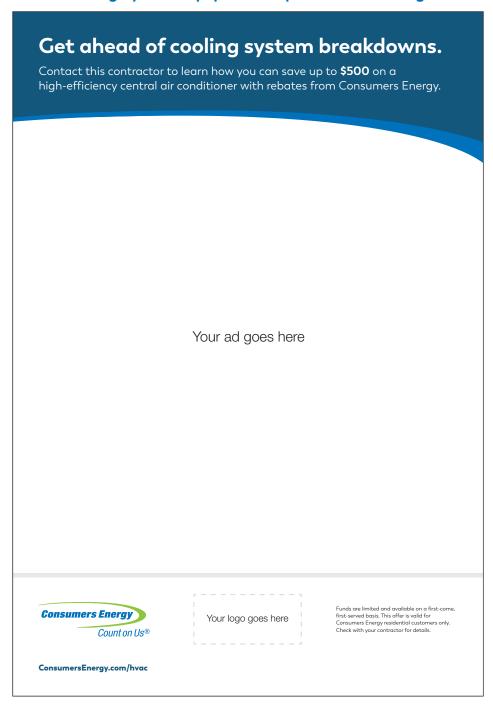
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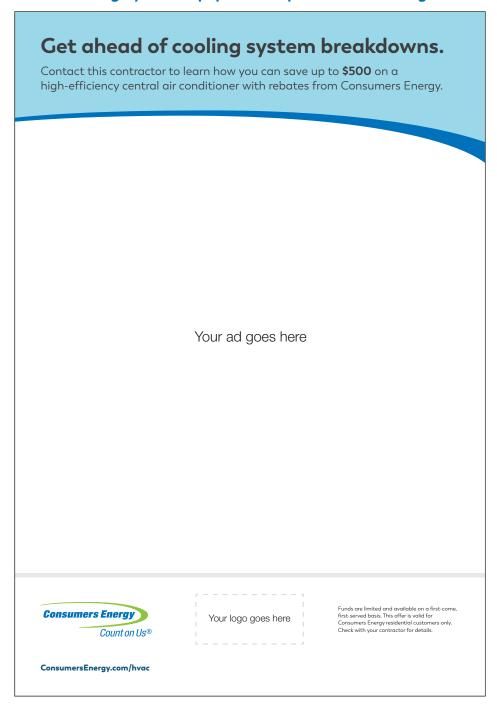
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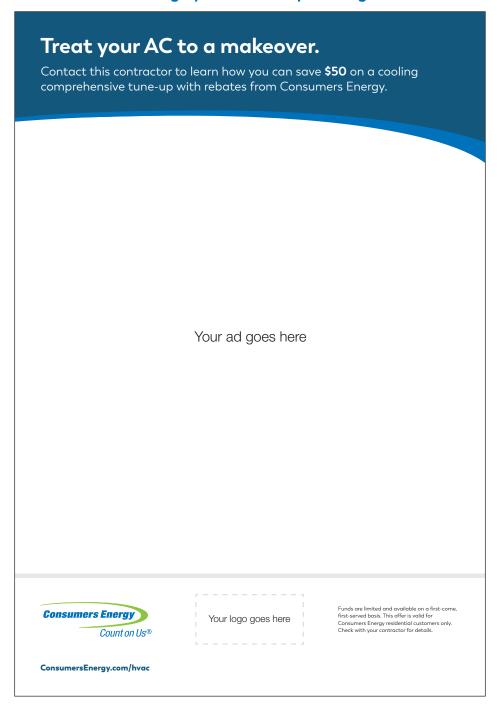
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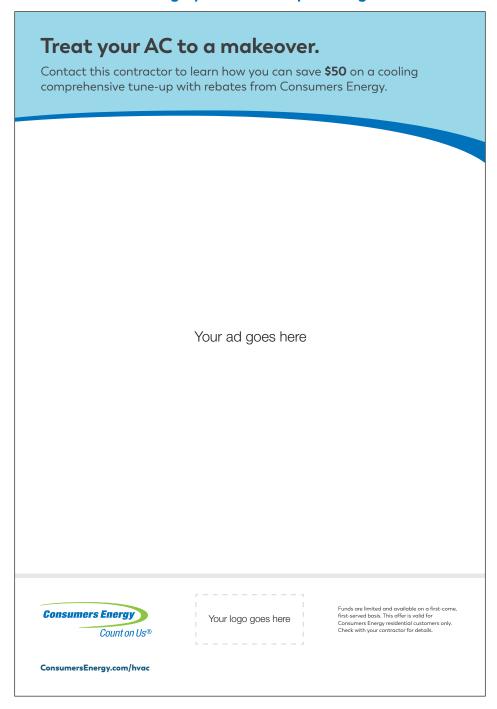


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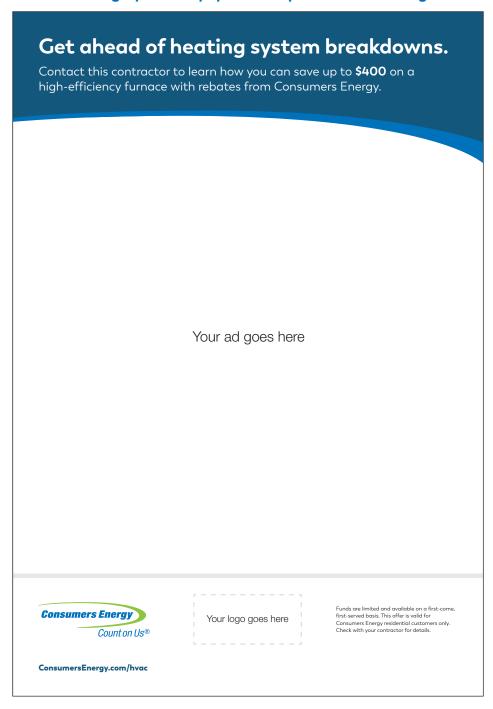
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#### Cooling System Tune-Up Message



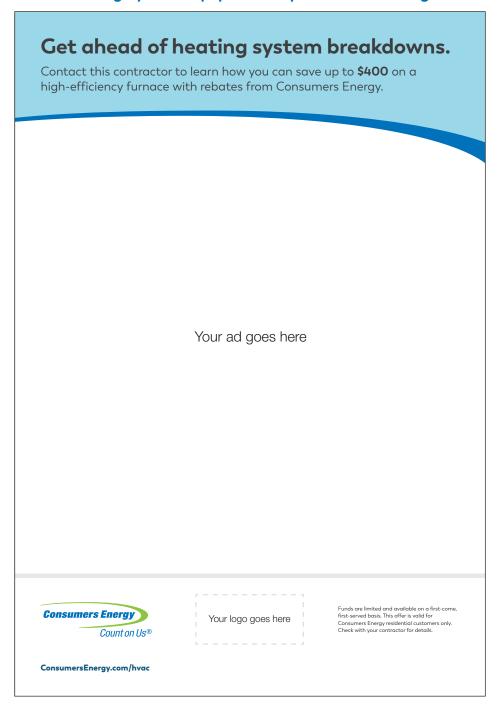
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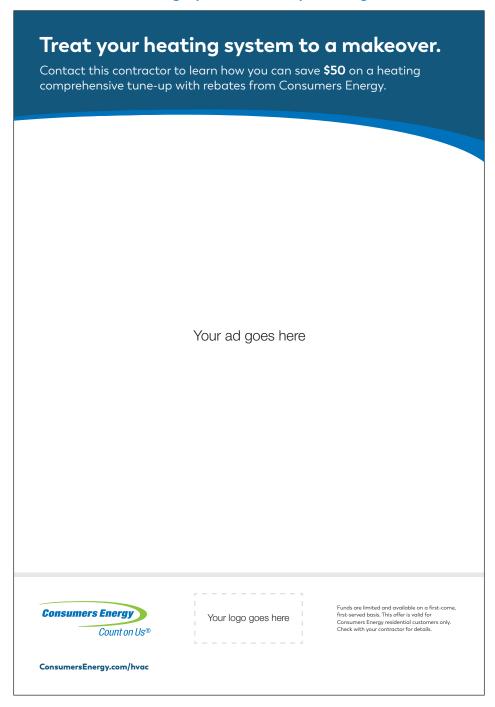
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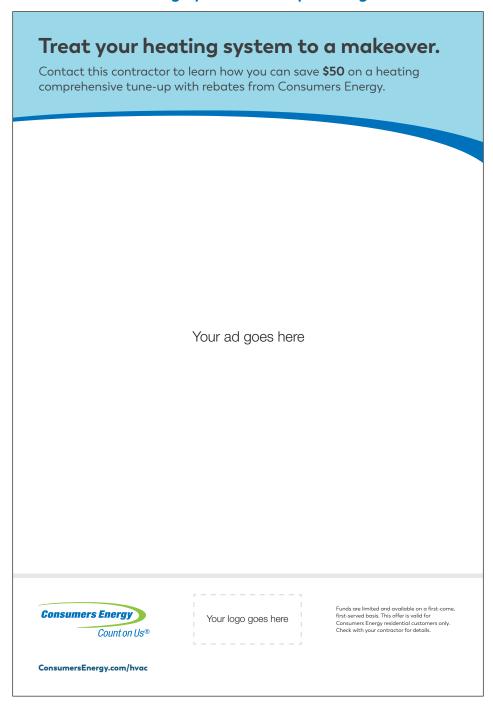
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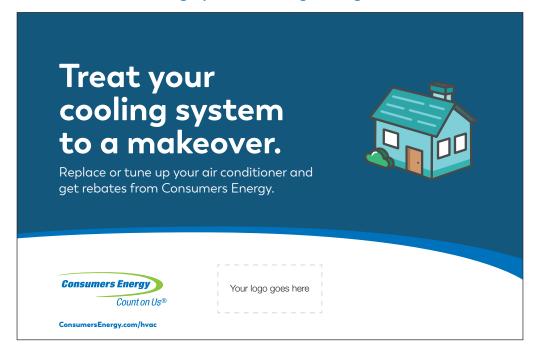


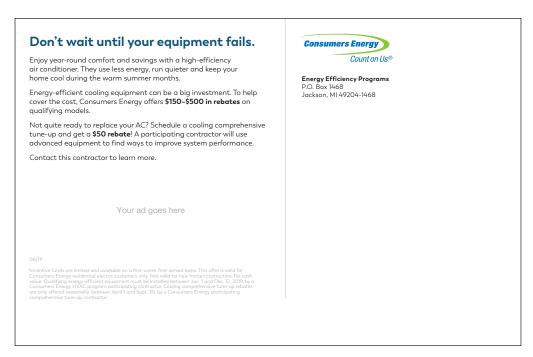
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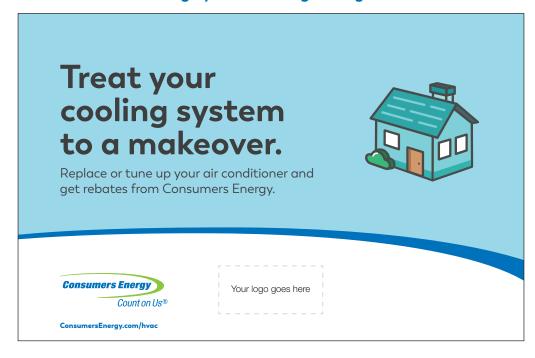


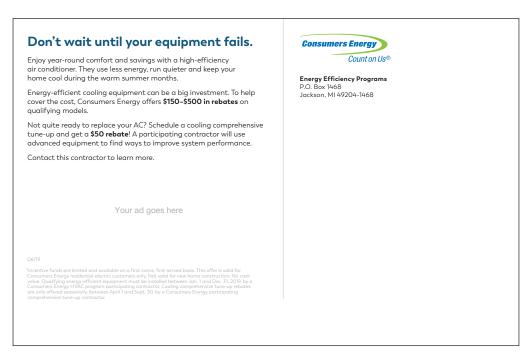
#### Cooling System Message Design One





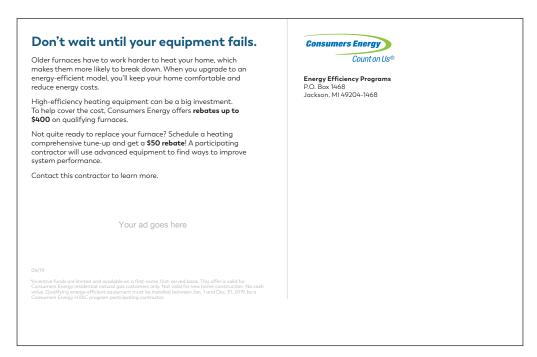
#### Cooling System Message Design Two





#### Heating System Message Design One





#### Heating System Message Design Two

