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Texas Luxury Showroom Offers Solutions to Keep Warm at Home This Winter

(Frisco, TX – January 24, 2009) North Texas' unpredictable weather patterns often hit with quick and unexpected cold spells. New technology and new products on the market can help homeowners stay warm this winter according to Jeffrey Goodman, vice president of Skanadario by Goodman Supply, the Frisco-based plumbing, hardware, and appliance specialty showroom. "With stylish options, popular decorative finishes, and great functionality, these products provide terrific benefits at great prices," says Goodman. "Although some of these products are relatively unknown to consumers, they will grow in popularity over the next few years as consumers learn about them and begin to appreciate their great value."

Warm Where You Walk

Homeowners often complain about cold, drafty bathrooms states Goodman. "The most effective way to address this concern is to provide heat right where it's needed," he says. Under floor heaters efficiently provide direct radiant heat wherever one walks. Perfect for taking the chill off of tile and raising the room temperature 1 to 2 degrees, the system makes homeowners feel warmer where they are standing. While it is not meant to replace the primary heat source, it makes the perfect companion. With a programmable thermostat, users can set temperatures for peak and offpeak usage, saving energy when not in use. "For pennies a day, homeowners love the warmth when getting out of the shower or just running to the bathroom in the middle of the night," claims Goodman.

These heating systems add soothing luxury under any flooring material including tile, stone, carpet, vinyl, bamboo, cork, linoleum, or wood flooring (nail down or floating). Different systems are used for the different flooring materials. The TempZone technology offered by Warmly Yours measures just 1/8" in. height, features solid state circuitry, and uses only 10 to 15 watts per square foot (psf). The heating grids come in convenient pre-sized mesh rolls that can be installed directly into the thin-set cement used for setting tile or stone, or under nail-down wood floors. For carpet, laminate, and floating wood floors, Warmly Yours introduced Environ II with a thin wire and foil mesh.

Under floor heaters can be used for a remodel or in new home construction. While most popular for bathrooms, a growing number of customers have started using under floor heaters in kitchens, entry ways, and living areas throughout the home. For those unable to install underfloor heating, Warmly Yours now offers above floor heating mats for use under area rugs or under desk areas. Goodman believes flooring in a home should be comfortable enough to walk on barefoot no matter what it is made of or what time of year it is.

Warmth in the Bathroom

Not only can heat be added underneath the floor, it can come from the ceiling with heat lamps from Neptune. By placing one just outside the shower, it provides warmth while drying off. These infrared heat lamps can also be combined with a quiet exhaust fan to remove odor and moisture from a bathroom or utility room. Eliminating excess moisture keeps a home dry and comfortable and can help avoid mold and mildew. These attractive



combination units mount flush with the ceiling and operate by a wall switch. "Heat and ventilation together provide two great benefits for the home," says Goodman.

Another way to add warmth in the bathroom is to install a steam shower. Amerrec steam units offer a healthy escape from a busy day. Steam can relieve stress, flush toxins from the body, relieve chest congestion, and moisturize skin. Not only can a steam shower do all these things, but it can save water. A steam shower uses 2.5 gallons of water every ½ hour versus a custom shower with body sprays which can use 225 gallons per ½ hour. Adding essential oils like eucalyptus or jasmine to the steam creates an aromatherapy experience with therapeutic benefits. Additional accessories like speakers and mood lighting further enhance the warming experience. "In the bathroom, steam showers not only offer warmth, but promote healthier living as well," states Goodman.

Warm From the Bottom Up

After a bath or shower, nothing keeps a bather warmer and cozier than a warm towel. Myson offers a full line of towel warmers in both hydronic and electric versions. Hydronic towel warmers have water running through them and are connected to a whole house hydronic radiant heating system. Electric towel warmers use electricity to heat oil within the towel warmer. These warmers can be hardwired or plugged in to an existing socket. Towel warmers come in many sizes from small ones mounted above the toilet to large ones that extend from floor to ceiling. Manufacturers offer multiple styles and finishes to match any décor. With programmable timers, towel warmers can also be set for peak usage times and conserve energy when not in use. In Europe, towel warmers are used to heat small bathrooms. These ingenious towel warmers can also be useful for drying damp towels after use, keeping towels fresher longer, reducing laundry loads.

The newest, and most unexpected, place for warmth in the bathroom is the toilet seat. Brondell's new heated bidet toilet seats provide warmth when sitting and also provide warm-water feminine and posterior cleansing washes. Available in several models, some seats include air-fresheners, warm air drying, and slow-closing lids. Heated bidet seats provide warmth and sanitation.

Kitchens, Indoor and Out, Have Warming Options

The bathroom is not the only place for warm products. An instant hot water dispenser in the kitchen or a coffee bar offers many benefits. These systems provide instant, near-boiling water. Users don't have to wait for water to boil or burn lips on a cup from the microwave. "These dispensers are perfect for making hot chocolate, tea, or soup in seconds," says Goodman. "Home chefs can quickly make gravy, cook pasta, and clean pots and pans." Everpure recently introduced an instant hot water system to complement its excellent filtration systems. The hot water dispensers are available in contemporary and traditional styles and finishes like satin nickel or oil rubbed bronze to fit any décor. "Whether it is a rainy day or a cold winter night, hot, purified water provides warmth, saves time, adds convenience, and takes the stress out of cooking," adds Goodman.

Savvy homeowners, with their builders or remodelers, are heating up the outside too with fire pits and space heaters in increasingly popular outdoor living spaces. Granite fire vessels from Stone Forest are not only beautiful sculptures to dress up the back yard or outdoor living area, but they also serve as fire pits to keep things warm outside during the colder seasons. Whether entertaining, or just relaxing in a private setting under the stars, a granite fire vessel provides beautiful, functional art. In addition to fire vessels, space heaters can be mounted on poles or from awnings to keep outdoor living areas warmer on cold nights. Lynx offers space heaters that can be installed next to the outdoor kitchen to keep cooks and guests warm. "Even when it's cold outside, homeowners can stay warm in their outdoor living areas," reassures Goodman.



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"There are so many ways to stay warm this winter and make the home a beautiful showplace," concludes Goodman. "Whether it's a warm towel or tile, instant hot water, or a nearby heat source, comfortable luxury is both desirable and easily accessible." These simple luxuries provide comfort and warmth throughout the home. Some add aesthetic beauty while others are hidden to provide silent, effective heat. "Winter is here, but with these ideas on how to heat the cold areas of the home, comfort can be achieved."

For more creative ways to stay warm during the winter months and other ideas for the kitchen and bath, contact Skanadario at 972-668-4663 or online at www.skanadario.com.

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Warming Options Include Undertile Heaters, Heat Lamps, Steam Baths, Towel Warmers, Heated Bidet Toilet Seats, Hot Water Dispensers, Granite Fire Pits, and Space Heaters.

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About Skanadario

Skanadario, Iroquois for "beautiful water," is the showroom division of Goodman Supply. The showroom features decorative plumbing, elegant hardware, and luxury appliances. The plumbing part of the showroom, one of the only American Standard gallery showrooms in the country, displays a wide range of kitchen and bath products, including American Standard's Jado and Porcher luxury brands. Additionally, the showroom carries international designer lines and local products from Texas-based artisans and companies.



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The appliance showroom features luxury appliances from Viking, Miele, Thermador, and Bosch. Additional specialty lines include Vent-A-Hood, U-Line, Asko, Gaggenau, Hoshizaki, and Independent. Working displays include Miele's Master Chef Oven as well as its Steam Oven, Speed Cook Oven, and built-in coffee maker.

Skanadario is located at 9750 John W. Elliott Drive in Frisco. The showroom is open Monday from Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information on Goodman Supply and Skanadario, contact the showroom at 972-668-4663 or visit www.Skanadario.com.

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