

Ductless AC Buyer's Guide

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Decision Checklist: Is Ductless Right for You?

- Your home has NO existing ductwork (radiators, baseboard heat)
- You are adding a room, garage suite, or basement suite
- You want zone-by-zone temperature control
- You want heating AND cooling from one system
- Your budget is \$3,000+ for a single zone
- Your home already has central AC with good ductwork
- You only need whole-home cooling, not zone control

Cost Ranges by Zone Count (Calgary 2026)

Zones	Cost Range	BTU Range	Best For
1 zone	\$3,000 - \$7,000	9,000 - 24,000	Single room/suite
2 zones	\$8,000 - \$10,000	18,000 - 36,000	Suite + bedroom
3 zones	\$10,000 - \$13,000	27,000 - 48,000	Whole floor
4+ zones	\$12,000 - \$15,000+	36,000 - 60,000	Whole home

* Cold climate models (rated to -25C or lower) add \$500-\$1,500. Rebates up to \$5,000 may apply.

Maintenance Tips

- Clean washable filters every 2-4 weeks during heavy use (summer/winter).
- Wipe indoor unit exterior monthly to prevent dust buildup.
- Schedule professional deep cleaning once per year (evaporator coils, refrigerant check, drain flush).
- Keep the outdoor unit clear of snow, leaves, and debris with 12 inches of clearance on all sides.
- Listen for unusual sounds: rattling may indicate a loose mount, hissing could signal a refrigerant leak.
- Check the condensate drain line seasonally to prevent blockages and water damage.
- Replace the remote control batteries annually (weak signals cause erratic operation).

Top Brands for Calgary

Mitsubishi Electric (H2i Hyper-Heat)

Industry benchmark. Rated to -30C. Premium price, exceptional reliability.

Daikin (Aurora)

Strong cold climate line, rated to -28C. Slightly lower pricing than Mitsubishi.

Lennox (MPB Series)

Popular with Calgary contractors. Good warranty if your furnace is also Lennox.

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