

# REAL ESTATE NEWS

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## Have your winter tires installed before Dec. 15!

From "Publications ACAIQ"

By [acaiq.com](http://acaiq.com)

Under the Highway Safety Code, from December 15 to March 15 all passenger vehicles will henceforth have to be equipped with tires specifically designed for winter driving. This new measure is being implemented in an effort to improve road safety.

A task force conducted in 2005 by Québec police found that 38% of major and fatal road accidents occurring in winter involve at least one vehicle equipped with four-season tires. In addition, the proportion of drivers losing control of their vehicle is higher for vehicles equipped with four-season tires. Don't wait until the last minute. Failure to comply with the new legislation carries fines between \$200 and \$300. Think about it now!

Find out more about the characteristics of tires designed specifically for winter driving or about this new legislation on Transports Québec website: [www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca)

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## How to keep healthy indoor air quality?

From "Fighting Asthma in Your House"

([www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca))

Asthma is not only one of the most common chronic conditions among Canadians; it is growing rapidly among children. In 1996, physicians diagnosed four times as many children with asthma as they did in 1984.



*Maybe opening a window once in a while, even in winter, is not such a bad idea?*

There are several ways to maintain good air quality in your house - and possibly improve your family's health at the same time. Here are some facts put together by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

- Carpets can harbour dust and dust mites. In order to clean a carpet properly it must be vacuumed for 15 minutes. Yes, 15 minutes! (Who does that?)
- If you have a pillow more than a few years old, 50% of its weight can be dust mite feces. Replace your pillows regularly.
- If the humidity level in your house is typically above 55%, this can easily occur in some cooler areas of the basement, for example, and then mould growth is likely. Readings of 25 to 35 per cent relative humidity in the winter are acceptable.
- Don't hang clothes to dry in the basement. Use your clothes dryer and make sure it is vented to the outside.

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## REAL ESTATE STATISTICS

**MLS® Statistics for the month of**  
**NOV. '08 / NOV. '07**

### Great Montreal:

	Active listings	Sales	Active listings	Sales
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,113</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>10,088</b>	<b>1381</b>
<b>House</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>435</b>
<b>Condo</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>4,471</b>	<b>531</b>

### Pierrefonds:

	Active listings	Sales	Active listings	Sales
<b>Total</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>House</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Condo</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>15</b>

- When you shower or bathe, use the bathroom fan; allow it to run for 15 minutes or longer.
- Electronic air filters if not properly maintained can produce ozone, a respiratory irritant. Replace with a good quality HEPA filter.
- Avoid storing boxes or summer clothes against outside walls, particularly in unfinished basements.
- Many of the products we buy, from furnishings to cleaning materials, emit toxic gasses into the air. These amounts may be small, even barely noticeable, but nevertheless they are there.



**\$134,900**  
**St-Lazare**

**BUY ME !!! MLS # 8061782**

Country living 20 minutes from West Island! Solid construction bungalow located in a quiet part of Municipalité des Cedres. Can be used as a weekend family getaway or a permanent residence.



*Dear Clients,*

*Have a great Holiday Season  
... and a wonderful New Year 2009.*

*May it bring only sunny days, good health,  
smiling faces and prosperity to You and Yours.*

### Mortgage Update:

Laurentian Bank -----

Scotia Bank -----

**Promotion: 7% cash back on a 7 years term mortgage**

**1 YEARS CLOSED FIXED MORTGAGE: 4.00%**