The decision to use whole-house ventilation is typically motivated by concerns that natural ventilation won't provide adequate air quality, even with source control by spot ventilation.

Whole-house ventilation systems provide controlled, uniform ventilation throughout a house. These systems use one or more fans and duct systems to exhaust stale air and/or supply fresh air to the house. There are four types of systems:

- **Exhaust ventilation systems**
  Force inside air out of a home.

- **Supply ventilation systems**
  Force outside air into the home.

- **Balanced ventilation systems**
  Force equal amounts quantities of air into and out of the home.

- **Energy recovery ventilation systems**
  Transfer heat from incoming or outgoing air to minimize energy loss.

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