

# Tune up your heating

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(NC)—Q. What comprises a thorough servicing on my forced-air heating system?

A. Just as with the family car, your oil or gas-fired heating system can serve you more efficiently and cheaply if it is well tuned and maintained. To help keep heating bills under control, an oil furnace should be serviced annually and a natural gas system every two or three years. To be sure you get a complete job, specify what you want when booking a service call. It is important to have good rapport with your contractor, so you may have to shop around. When the serviceperson arrives, take time to discuss any particular problems you may have noticed with your system and clearly outline the work you expect to be done. Some items that should be included in a thorough servicing of your oil or gas forced-air system:

1) a visual inspection, interior and exterior, of the heating and venting system;

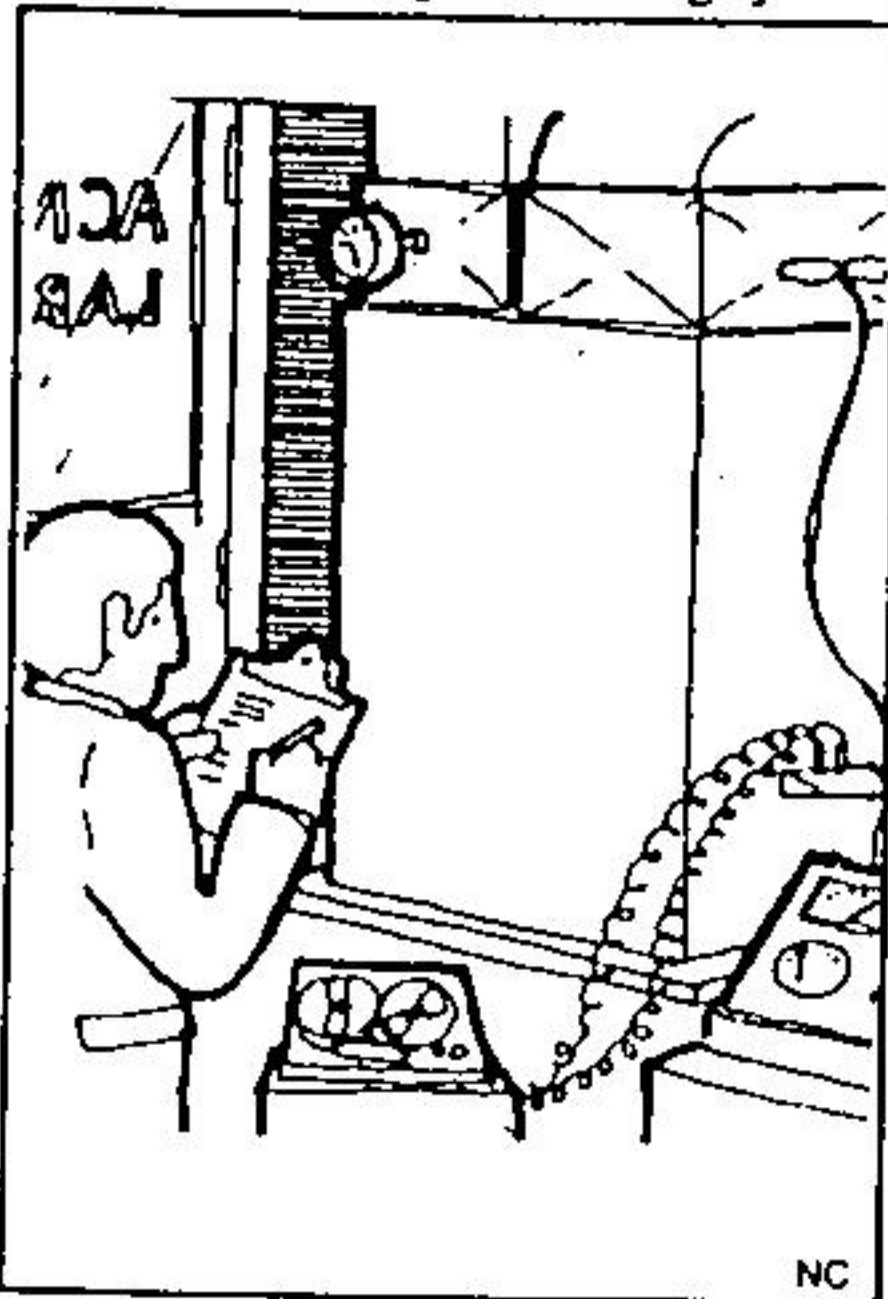


## Energy Answers

- 2) inspection and cleaning of flue pipe and chimney base;
  - 3) for natural gas equipment, inspection, testing and cleaning of burner and pilot;
  - 4) heat exchanger inspection;
  - 5) inspection and cleaning of air circulation fan motor and filters, and adjustment of belt and lubrication of motor if appropriate;
  - 6) check of ducts, humidifier and fan temperature settings to assess efficiency of distribution system;
  - 7) on oil-fired systems, an efficiency test if there has not been one in two or three years;
  - 8) inspection and cleaning of damper, draft controller and stack controller.
- Additional items for oil furnaces only:
- 9) replacement of in-line oil filter;
  - 10) burner maintenance, including check of electrical connections and ignition electrodes, replacement of oil nozzle, cleaning burner fan motor, inspection of pump and check of safety controls; and
  - 11) check of thermostat for accuracy of settings and a check of the distribution system to make sure the air flows are balanced; these checks are valuable for savings and comfort.

When the job is finished, the serviceperson should clean up and give you a written record of what has been done and any recommendations for further work. With regular professional care, your heating system can give you cheaper service.

For more information on servicing heating systems, call the toll-free Heatline at 1-800-267-9563.



Regular professional care for your furnace will reduce heating costs



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Finally, Council decided to start over again. In July 1877, they voted to spend \$7,000 to purchase the "Market Square" (for \$1,800) and erect a hall. (Market Square was across Market Street from the present library).

However, fate intervened. In March 1878 the old Town Hall burned to the ground. It was insured for \$700.

For whatever reason, they decided then to erect the new Town Hall at Guelph and Cross Sts. The new hall was installed in November 1878, so it was constructed quickly.

In 1917 the auditorium upstairs was remodelled. Mr. Ed Bludd of Glen Williams painted it and the new hardwood floor was installed by Kenton and Wright.

The Hall, being used by the Georgetown Little Theatre, was gutted by fire in September 1968.

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Many thanks to Mark Rowe who wrote this article. Your comments are invited.

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