

While weather's hot, check heating system

Home Comfort News



(NC)—While Canada is still bathed, hopefully, in the warmth of summer, it's hard to turn your thoughts to winter. Yes, in spite of all our wishing, it will arrive. As we head into September it's a good time to give your heating system an hour or so of attention, and to arrange for a serviceman to call and make sure it's ready for next season. If you get this task out of the way you'll have beaten the seasonal rush that always comes with the first cold snap. Then you can relax and enjoy the golden days that are still before us.

A serviceman should perform the following checks before your furnace goes into operation for the winter:

- right colour. The serviceman will check the nozzle.
- Gas lines. These must be examined for leaks.
- Motor. This will be lubricated, if necessary. Many newer motors are sealed and don't require lubrication.
- Filter. You can look after this yourself. Your filter needs to be cleaned regularly. Some types can be vacuumed or washed with water and a little detergent. Others must be replaced. (This

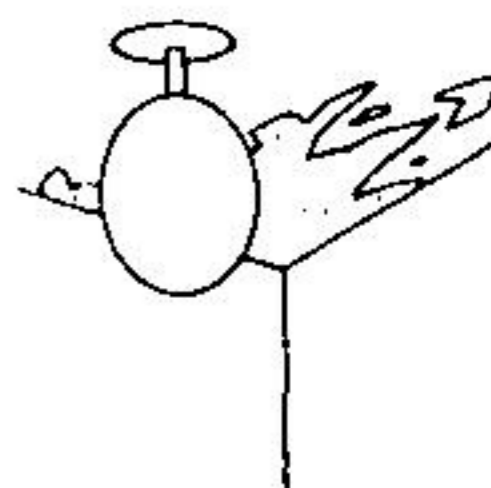
cleaning also benefits your central air conditioning.)

If you don't have a service contract on your furnace (and/or your air conditioner) you might want to consider getting one. It should save you money, and it ensures that your heating system has the care it requires to operate efficiently and without trouble.

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Ceilings

- Bulging
- Cracks
- Warps
- Peeling Paint
- Slopes
- Stains



Ceilings may indicate that the floors above them suffer from bulging, warps, and slopes. They may also show problems similar to the ones found in walls.

The most common cause of stains or blistering on ceilings is water seepage. Leaking pipes, improper sealing around sinks, between the bathtubs, wall tile and floor, or excessive moisture are all signs of seepage. If stains appear below the roof or attic it may be a sign of a leaking roof or excessive moisture in the attic.

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- Heat exchanger. The service man will clean this and check for leaks. (This is rarely a problem on newer furnaces. Many are sold with lifetime warranties on the heat exchanger).
- Electrical components. Must be checked for short circuits.
- Pilot light (if you have one) This should burn strongly with the

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