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The Home Comfort Team

The Home Comfort Team at Chalmers Fuels includes from left; Joe Piercey, Ron Chalmers, Edna Jones, Linda MacDonald, George Scott, Wendy Oughtred and Steve Bubis. Owner Ron Chalmers recommends that now is a good time to have a tune-up done on your heating unit.

Photo by Lisa Tallyn

Chalmers recommends a tune-up for your furnace

By LISA TALLYN
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With winter just around the corner now is the time for area residents to ensure their furnaces are in good working order.

For more than 36 years Chalmers Fuels has been meeting the heating and cooling comfort needs of their customers in Halton, Peel and Wellington County. The owner of the company, Ron Chalmers, recommends an annual Comprehensive Furnace Maintenance Tune-up and Conditioning for homeowners who have an existing furnace.

"By servicing your existing oil furnace we can increase your efficiency up to 8 per cent," said Chalmers.

During a Chalmers tune-up and conditioning, all heating surfaces are cleaned and vacuumed, soot is removed from the smoke pipe and chimney base, oil filters, electrodes and the nozzle are cleaned or replaced, major components are checked and operating controls are checked and adjusted.

Chalmers said that mid-season the homeowner should lubricate the fan motor and clean or vacuum their air filter monthly during the heating season.

He also recommends homeowners caulk and weatherstrip their doors and windows before winter arrives to keep the warm air in and cold air out.

Chalmers Fuels also offers a Comprehensive Service and Parts Protection Plan which Chalmers said is one of their best values.

"For just pennies a day not only will

we clean and condition your furnace for peak efficiency we will repair or replace over 23 major components 24 hours a day to ensure your total home comfort," said Chalmers.

For those in the market for a new furnace Chalmers said the number one furnace they sell is a Ducane oil furnace. He said since the furnace was introduced into Canada by Imperial Oil in 1996 Chalmers Fuels has sold 300 of them. He added they have had "outstanding success" with the furnaces.

"It's a high efficiency Ducane oil furnace backed by a 10 year parts and labor warranty guaranteed by Imperial Oil," said Chalmers. Chalmers said the Ducane furnace has superior air flow when compared to its competitors, has solid state circuitry and is air conditioning ready.

As a fall special Chalmers is offering a free thermostat with the installation of a new oil furnace.

"No longer is oil inefficient, dirty or smelly, but it is in fact the fuel of the future," said Chalmers. He said a report by the National Energy Board states that the cost of heating with gas and oil are comparable today but by the year 2010 "oil should be significantly cheaper than natural gas."

Chalmers Fuels also rents oil-fired water heaters. Chalmers said the heaters heat five times faster than electricity and twice as fast as gas, at half the cost of electricity.

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