



Seasonal precision tune-ups are required not only to help prevent problems, but also to keep your heating system operating optimally and safely. Our technicians can help you save money in the short term as you see lower utility bills and, in the long term, extend the lifespan of your equipment.

Regardless of the type of heating system you have, our licensed and qualified technicians will ensure that your equipment is ready for winter conditions. Boilers, furnaces, gas/propane fireplaces and heat pumps require servicing.

Sign up for our WeCare Maintenance or Protection Plans, and you will receive annual precision tune-ups, priority service calls and discounted labour rates, if repairs are required.

ClimateCare is Canada's largest heating and cooling co-operative, which means that we are owned by our members and they are dedicated to providing you with the best client experience possible.

5 TIMELY TIPS



Winterizing Your AC

1. Turn Your AC Unit Off

Shut off the AC breaker at the electrical panel. If you have an AC electric disconnect switch located near your outdoor unit, you can also flip the switch there to "off." Shutting off the power ensures the unit cannot operate from the thermostat even on some of our warmer days in the early spring.

2. Clean Your AC Unit

Once the power has been turned off, gently hose off any debris that might be on the outdoor unit. You may also want to clear away any dead grass, branches, and leaves that have built up in the area.

3. Check insulation on pipes

Refrigerant lines from the indoor coil to the outdoor condenser are covered in black foam. Check that they are intact. Where exposure exists, use either duct tape or zip ties to secure the foam.

4. Change the filters

Between seasons you should always verify that the furnace filter is clean and replace it as necessary. Typically, 4" and 5" media type last between 6 and 12 months and not only protect your equipment, but also help to reduce allergens. 1" and 2" filters typically need to be changed every 4 to 6 weeks. Some of these can be very restrictive and do not allow for proper airflow. Speak to your ClimateCare contractor on what you should be using and to purchase new ones.

5. Cover Your Unit

Covering your AC unit will help protect it from the ice, snow, and cold winds. A waterproof vinyl cover works the best and can be secured with vinyl ropes or bungee cords.

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Are Propane and Natural Gas Environmentally Friendly?

Depending on where you live, you don't always have a choice between natural gas and propane. However, when you do have a choice, it's important to look at the environmental impact of each type of fuel and the annual fuel costs before choosing.

Are propane and natural gas environmentally friendly? Well, both of them are considered low emissions fuels. They share similarities, but propane is the heavier of the two and more energy efficient while natural gas is more cost-effective.

Other Considerations

Like many things in life, there's no clear-cut answer when it comes to choosing between propane and natural gas. Both of the gases offer advantages and disadvantages. Things to consider when making a choice include:

Safety Concerns

If a leak does occur, natural gas is considered slightly safer than propane. This is because natural gas is lighter and therefore dissipates into the atmosphere faster. Having said this, both gases are considered relatively safe.

Which Is More Efficient?

Since propane delivers more British Thermal Units (BTUs) than natural gas, it is considered more efficient. This means that in an hour, propane burns a smaller volume than natural gas.

Annual Operating Cost

Natural gas delivers a lower annual operating cost than propane. Usually propane appliances would be considered for use where natural gas is not available, or where getting natural gas to the home is too expensive.

Hybrid propane and natural gas systems that work in conjunction with an electric heat pump are also gaining in popularity given their efficiency and low operating cost advantages.



Environmental Impact

Propane and natural gas are both relatively environmentally friendly. Even though natural gas is considered a greenhouse gas, it burns cleanly and therefore it actually leaves a reduced carbon footprint.

Propane gas is an environmentally friendly fuel both before and after combustion and therefore does not leave a detrimental impact on the environment.

Give the team at ClimateCare a call if you have any questions about the benefits of using propane or natural gas for your home. And, also ask us about the many benefits of a hybrid system.

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When is The Best Time to Buy a New Furnace?

If you have had your current furnace for a while, or if repairs on it have started mounting up more regularly, then you may be wondering about the best time to buy a new furnace.

Spring or the end of summer and the beginning of fall is usually the best time to shop for a new model.

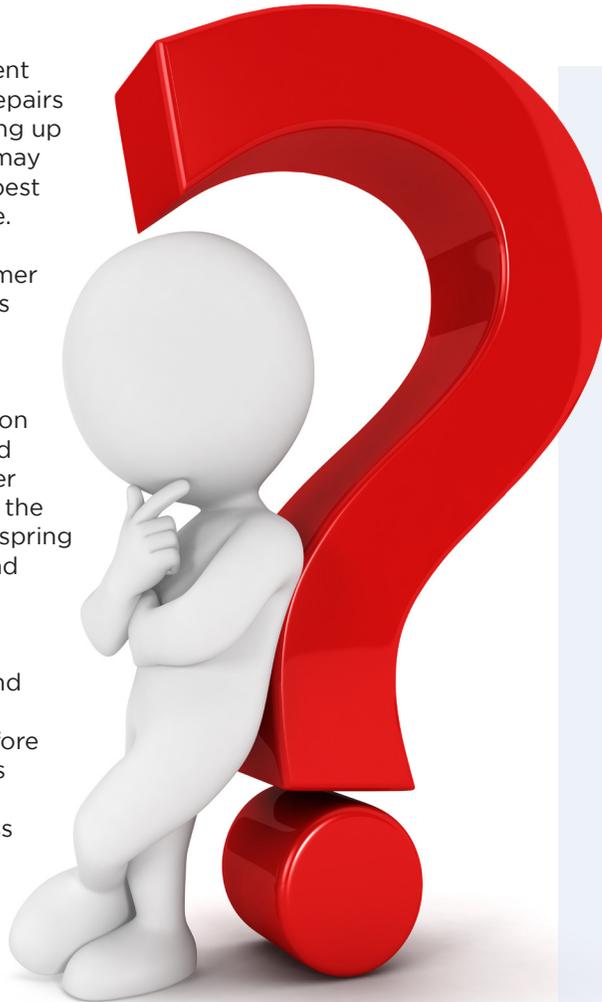
Most people concentrate on updating their heating and cooling systems in summer and winter. But, thanks to the milder temperatures that spring and fall bring, you may find lower prices and better weather for installation.

If your furnace is at the end of its lifecycle, getting a replacement proposal before the heating season, allows you to make an informed decision without the stress of making a decision on a cold day when you are in a no-heat situation.

New equipment comes with extended warranties which may add to your peace of mind going into another cold Canadian winter.

If you are wondering whether it is more cost-effective to replace or repair your furnace, your ClimateCare Dealer can help you with your options.

Due to milder temperatures in spring/fall, you are less likely to be using your furnace.



This makes this time of year the perfect time to get your furnace replaced or repaired, as you'll be able to survive a few days without having to rely on your system.

Better weather conditions are also a plus for the contractors installing your equipment. It's a win-win for everyone.

Truth Behind a Few of The Worst HVAC Myths

Myth: You only need to change your filter once or twice a year.

Truth: Filters get clogged and dirty very easily. When they do, they force your system to work harder. This leads to higher bills and it lowers efficiency. In reality, you need to **check** your filters ever 1-2 months.

Myth: The position of your thermostat doesn't affect furnace performance.

Truth: Believe it or not, the position of your thermostat is very important! If it's too close to a vent, radiator, or window, it may shut off too soon or run too long. This can take a toll on your system and lead to more frequent maintenance problems.

Myth: An energy-efficient system will lower your bill.

Truth: While an energy-efficient system is a great start for reducing your bills, it's not enough on its own. If you really want to see a difference on your monthly statement, your home needs airtight window seals and proper insulation.

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