

Tips on saving energy

Like any other household appliance your furnace or A/C needs periodic service and maintenance to help it work efficiently.

HERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP YOUR SYSTEM RUNNING SMOOTHLY:

1. Clean or replace your furnace filters every three (3) months.
2. Keep the area around your furnace clear.
3. Keep your return and supply vents clear and open; do not restrict air circulation.
4. Cover your A/C unit in the winter.
5. Keep the area around your A/C unit clear (e.g., trim vegetation). Your unit needs 35 cm (one foot) of space for proper ventilation.
6. Clean dirt or grass clippings from the coils of your A/C unit.
7. Allow 24 hours before running your A/C unit for the first time when you turn it on for the summer. This lets the heater in your A/C bring the oil up to the proper temperature and evaporate any liquid refrigerant in the oil. (Alternately, you can leave your A/C turned on throughout the winter.)
8. Have your A/C and furnace checked annually by an HVAC professional.

TIPS TO STAY COOL INSIDE YOUR HOME

1. Keep shades or blinds closed during the day.
2. Use fans to circulate the air.
3. Minimize the use of heat generating appliances (e.g., oven) during hot summer days.