

# The Gas Connection's **HOME**sense

Smart & simple ways to enrich your home living



## Three Reasons to Maintain Your System

Heating and cooling use about half of your home's energy bills, and most households spend a good bit of their family budget running their comfort systems. The condition of these systems also adds to (or detracts from) your home's value. Maintaining your furnace is important for protecting this investment, in addition to your comfort and even your family's well-being. Three reasons stand out:

- 1. Energy efficiency** – A clean system uses less energy than one that hasn't been properly maintained. During months of inactivity, dust and dirt will collect in your heating system. As dirt clogs up your furnace, it has to work harder to provide the same level of comfort. The longer it takes for the system to heat up, the more energy you use.
- 2. Reliable operation** – Dirt doesn't just reduce energy efficiency, but it can also lead to a system breakdown. Actually, most breakdowns can be traced back to a lack of maintenance. It's better to take preventive action now than experience regret when a furnace stops working on a cold winter's night.
- 3. Safety** – An annual inspection of your system can reveal and correct potential dangers that could be developing, including carbon monoxide (CO) leaks. CO is a colorless, odorless and deadly gas that can stream into your home through faulty heating equipment. If the equipment is incorrectly vented, improperly used or in need of repair, CO can build up indoors and poison people and pets. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that home heating systems be inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.

Call us to schedule a tune-up of your heating system before winter weather arrives.

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## MY WORD

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Hello Friends,

Just in time for fall, we've pulled together a nice collection of articles for this issue of our newsletter. Take a look, and you may find interesting ideas that you'll be able to use in your home this season.

Sending you this helpful info is just a way for us to say thanks for being a customer. Our goal is to serve with excellence and never take your trust for granted.

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# Scents of the Season

Autumn aromas really bring the season home, especially when fragrant reminders fill your kitchen and gathering places. You can set the stage with a crackling fireplace, or start with a much smaller flame...

- **Scented Candles** – On your next shopping trip, choose from fragrances such as apple, pumpkin, vanilla, cinnamon and other scents associated with autumn. For an added touch, wrap the candles in cinnamon sticks. You'll have attractive décor you can display, plus more scent as the sticks are warmed by the candle.
- **Stovetop Concoctions** – Create your own simmer pot. A pot of water with a hint of brown sugar and vanilla is an easy option. Or put a little more effort into it by slicing apples and simmering with cinnamon and brown sugar. Or add orange peels and vanilla extract – it's up to you.
- **Diffuser Blends** – Add flavorful drops of eucalyptus, clove and other favorite essential oils in a diffuser that spreads the fragrance around in your home.
- **Baked Goods** – Make the aromas even more real by putting your baking skills to use. There's nothing like a loaf of freshly baked bread, a plate of warm cookies, a tray of brownies or an apple pie right out of the oven to give an inviting welcome for autumn afternoon visits with family and friends.

## Good Timing for AC Replacement?

If your aging air conditioning system struggled through one more summer, you may think you caught a break and can wait until the heat returns to deal with your cooling needs. However, replacing your system during the milder season of fall gives you an opportunity to:

### Evaluate in comfort instead of crisis.

When a final system breakdown occurs during extreme weather (hot or cold), homeowners face significant pressure to make a quick decision. However, if you plan your replacement on your schedule, you'll be in a much better position to evaluate equipment, even as you...

### Take time to consider smart options.

You can take a look at upgrades that will enhance your comfort and convenience, especially smart technology features that let you operate your system via a smartphone and Wi-Fi connection. As you consider what you want, you can also...

**Better plan for your payment or financing.** Plus, just like with new cars, you'll likely find a good end-of-season deal as everyone's getting ready for the next season.

**Get a full picture of your energy usage.** Evaluate insulation, weather-stripping and other factors that impact energy efficiency.

**Make a good match with your systems.** It's best to replace your furnace at the same time in order to preserve your air conditioner's rated efficiency. For example, if a high-efficiency air conditioner is using an old furnace blower, the air conditioner won't operate at peak efficiency.

If you'd like to discuss a heating and cooling system replacement, give us a call and let's have a relaxed conversation about the best options for your home.



### Stay in touch with your thermostat.

Whether you're adjusting temperature settings away from home or potential comfort problems occur, smart thermostats keep you informed.

Don't leave your thermostat hanging on the wall all day without hearing from the family it loves to comfort.

To get a smart thermostat, call **The Gas Connection** at **603-889-1161** no later than **November 30, 2019** to save 10% off the installation.





## Hit the Trail with These Treats?

Trail mix isn't just for outdoor excursions, you know; it also goes well in lunch sacks or during evenings at home. So, whether you're actually taking a hike, preparing snacks for the kids or sharing game-time munchies with friends, a homemade mix of goodies can be a delicious and healthy treat.

There are many, many variations of these sweet and/or salty mixes. To make your own creation, you can select some of your favorite nuts, dried fruits, candies and other crunchies. There are no rules. Just get a bowl and start adding ingredients that you like. Here are some of the numerous combinations you might enjoy:

- Peanuts, raisins and M&Ms
- Peanuts, cashews, raisins, M&Ms and shredded coconut
- Pretzels, popcorn, almonds, cashews, peanuts and raisins
- Pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, almonds and sea salt
- Granola, flake cereal, Cheerios, raisins and M&Ms
- Dried banana chips, dried cranberries, pumpkin seeds, chocolate chips and granola

The possibilities are endless. Check your pantry. Pick up extra ingredients. Experiment to taste and enjoy.

### Get **\$25 OFF** the Best Repair We Can Offer

For your next heating and cooling system repair, we'd like to make things easier on your wallet. So just clip this coupon for a \$25 savings on your repair bill. Then call us, and we'll give you our best repair. Call **The Gas Connection** at **603-889-1161**.

## Is the Fur Flying?

If you have a household dog or cat, you're dealing with the furry evidence they leave behind on floors, furniture and clothes. Besides making sure your pet is groomed regularly to control shedding, you'll also want to develop a regular vacuuming routine. Plus, make sure your vacuum is in good working order and the dust bag or bin is emptied. Roller lint brushes are handy for picking up spots of hair. Changing the filter in your HVAC system regularly helps control dander, and you could also add an air purifier to aid in dander removal.



## Take a Break from Stress

When you're feeling overwhelmed, take a moment to step back if you can. A quick break can help improve your mood and your frame of mind. Stress relievers include:

- **Talk with a friend.** If you're able to make a call, get a friendly voice on the phone. It helps to have a sounding board or different perspective. If the timing's not right for a call...
- **Write it out.** Grab some paper or a journal and write through your concerns. You can also be a good sounding board for yourself.
- **Take a walk.** Even a short exercise break can get your blood flowing and improve your mood.
- **Eat a healthy snack.** Fruits or veggies are a better choice than sugar and caffeine.
- **Listen to tunes.** Music can have a calming effect – unless of course your taste in music causes stress for those around you!



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Whenever you have a problem with your home comfort system, it's important to us to make sure you get prompt, dependable and expert service. Let us know if you have any issues, and we'll get you back up and running as quickly as we can. Remember, scheduling a preseason tune-up can help you avoid repair problems and poor efficiency this winter.

Sincerely,

David Wilson

P.S. Please feel free to share this newsletter with a neighbor or friend if you're not going to use the discounts. Or hang onto them for yourself and give us a call to put them to use.

## Fast Fix



When you need a ruler for an estimate, you can use a dollar bill. Laid flat, a bill is slightly over 6 inches long (6.14") and just over two and a half inches wide (2.61"). Use two to estimate a foot, or fold one into six equal sections to estimate an inch.

# COOL CASH.

### Let Us Pay You for Your Old System.

Isn't it time your system paid you back for all the extra dollars you've spent on repairs and energy overpayment?

With a new home comfort system from us, we'll write you a check for \$420 for your old one! No matter

the age or brand – or if it even runs! Plus...

You'll get energy efficient savings every month and no repair bills for 5 years.

Give **The Gas Connection** a call at **603-889-1161** today.