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## Saving Time And Money

It has become an all too common phrase ... "I'm just too busy!" But when it comes to your home comfort, taking time to have seasonal service performed on your heating system is time well spent. It will give you the peace of mind that your system is running smoothly and efficiently, and that it's ready for whatever the heating season brings.

During a seasonal tune-up our technicians will put your heating system through a comprehensive inspection. A heating system that's operating at peak efficiency will use less energy as it works to keep you warm, which could mean you'll save money on utility bills. And since minor problems can be detected and corrected before they become major ones, a tune-up helps minimize the risk of equipment failure — not to mention emergency service calls.

So why wait? Contact **ARNOLD MOOS COMPANY** today at **210-655-5112** to schedule a seasonal tune-up on a day and time that's convenient for you.

Sincerely,

## Invisible But Essential: Clean Indoor Air

As houses become more airtight, indoor air quality (IAQ) becomes even more important as it can affect your family's health. Airborne dust, dander and pollen can trigger allergic or asthmatic reactions. Mold spores, bacteria, toxic fumes from cleaning products and carbon monoxide buildup can cause even more serious problems.

How can you improve your home's IAQ? Your first line of defense is a filtration system to remove tiny particles from the air. The most powerful are the high-efficiency particulate air, or HEPA, filters. (Remember to change these filters once a month.) Ventilation systems bring in fresh outdoor air, which is generally less polluted than indoor air. Installing carbon monoxide monitors gives peace of mind, since they will alert you if your carbon monoxide levels get too high. **ARNOLD MOOS COMPANY's** experts can plan a course of air-cleaning action — determining a filtration system that's best for your home and family.

Call our indoor air specialists at **210-655-5112** to request an appointment for an IAQ evaluation.

### FALL/WINTER TUNE-UP REMINDER

Heating season is almost here, and we want you and your family to be warm!

Call **ARNOLD MOOS COMPANY** today at

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to schedule your planned service tune-up.

### ACT NOW AND SAVE

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ON THE HOMEFRONT



## Save Energy Dollars Around Your Home

Have you ever considered how much money you spend to operate your home's major appliances? The average U.S. household spends around \$1,000 each year on electricity to run common household appliances. So when it's time to purchase a new home appliance, look for the ENERGY STAR® label, designating products that are built to save energy. Not only will energy-efficient appliances decrease your utility bills, but when used properly, you'll also reduce your personal impact on the environment.

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Regular maintenance helps prevent breakdowns and improve efficiency — extending the life of your HVAC equipment

## insideyourhome

### Time For System Maintenance

Regular maintenance of your HVAC system is as important as regularly changing the oil or checking the tires on your vehicle. Not only does it keep your HVAC system working at peak efficiency, it's also the best way to spot potential problems before they occur. It's best to have a system check twice a year.

A typical fall checkup will include an overall system evaluation to make sure your heating equipment is operating correctly. We'll also check electrical functions and ignition controls; lubricate moving parts; check filters and drains; inspect and clean the flue; and check the burners and heat exchanger. Proper maintenance protects your investment and offers you peace of mind, knowing that your comfort system will be there when you need it the most.

Call us to schedule a system checkup. Our home comfort professionals are ready to put their expertise to work for you. ●

## tidbit

Check smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries every six months to make sure they're in working order.

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The cost of running appliances varies because each one uses different amounts of energy. Here are a few tips to help you save on your household utility bills.

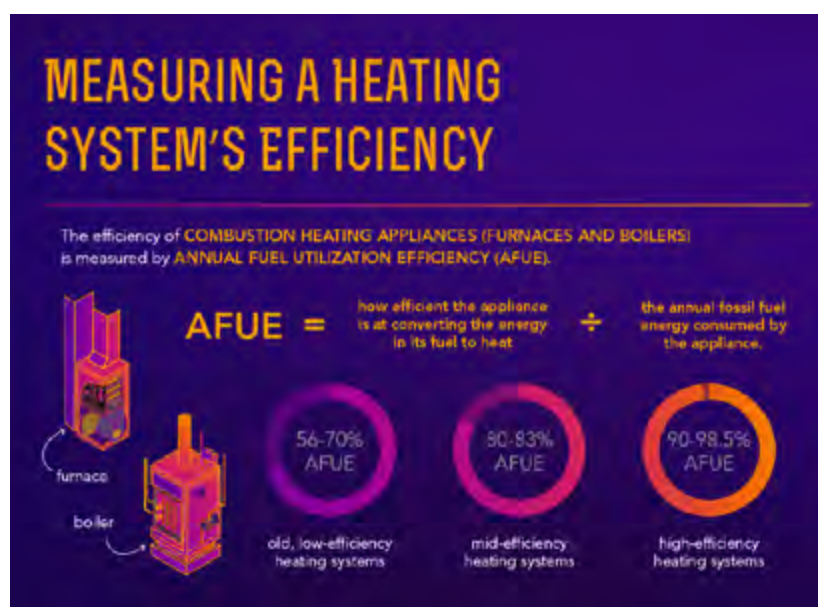
**Refrigerators:** Refrigerators last an average of 13 years. High-efficiency models can consume up to 40% less energy, with a potential to save at least \$150 over a year of use. Some best practices are to keep your refrigerator set at 37°F, so food stays fresh without making your fridge work so hard, and keep it full so it won't lose as much coolness when it's opened.

**Dishwashers:** On average, dishwashers last about 9–13 years. If you're using a high-efficiency dishwasher over this time period, you'll use half as much water and 40% less electricity, which can equal a big cost savings! Run full loads whenever possible to save water and energy.

**Ranges & Ovens:** The lifespan of an electric range is about 13–15 years and a gas range will usually last around 15–17 years. If you have a high-efficiency induction range you'll use less energy because it heats cookware much faster and doesn't allow as much heat to escape. Regularly cleaning the cooktop and the oven will help extend its lifespan.

**HVAC Systems:** If your HVAC system is more than 10–15 years old, you're probably not getting the most efficiency — and comfort — for your energy dollars. A new high-efficiency system can save you money on operating costs, and keep your home more comfortable.

Upgrading to energy-efficient home appliances may be eligible for federal tax credits. Visit [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov), and under "Tax credits for residential energy efficiency," click "See Eligibility." ●



The higher the AFUE rating, the more efficient the heating system — and the lower your heating energy bills. We offer a variety of Trane high-efficiency equipment that is guaranteed to keep your home warm on those cold winter nights.

## safetyfacts

### Click In The Kids: Car Seat Safety Tips

Whether it's a quick errand or a road trip, never overestimate a child's safety in the car. When used correctly, child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71% — though 73% of car seats aren't used or installed correctly.



**Rear-facing until age 2:** While many parents prefer to flip their child to forward-facing on their first birthday, experts say a child should remain in their rear-facing seat until age 2, or when they exceed the weight and height limit for their rear-facing seat (listed on the back of the car seat).

**Match the latch:** Make sure to attach the top tether after tightening and locking the seat belt or lower attachments when installing. The harness should be in the correct slots and you shouldn't be able to pinch any excess webbing.

**Cinch to an inch:** Once installed, give the car seat a good shake. If it moves more than an inch side-to-side or front-to-back, it's not properly installed.

**Better in a booster:** Children should be in a booster seat until they reach 57" and weigh between 80–100 pounds. Booster seats reduce the risk of injury by 45% compared to seat belts alone. ●



## Q&A

**Question:** How do you know when it's time to change an air filter?

**Answer:** The air that flows throughout your home is drawn into and through your HVAC unit, and tempered air is then blown back into individual rooms. The unit's air filter collects airborne particles, so indoor air is cleaner and the airflow to your HVAC unit doesn't become restricted.

Different types of air filters require different types of care (see chart). If you have health issues or allergies, you could benefit from changing the filter monthly. If you have pets, the air filter is likely to fill up faster. And when it's peak heating or cooling season, you may want to check and change the filter more often.

Be sure to set a reminder on your phone or mark a calendar, so you don't forget to attend to your air filter on a regular basis. ●

When to change your air filter:	
Filter Type	Replacement Frequency
Traditional Fiberglass or Polyester	Monthly
Washable/Reusable	Washed out monthly and reused
Electronic Air Cleaner	Cleaned regularly (once a month)
Ordinary Flat or Pleated	Every 2-3 months
Pleated, Permanently Charged Electrostatic	Every 2-3 months
Deep Pleated	Once or twice a year

Air filter type will effect how often you'll need to change your air filter.

