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We all know that every dollar counts. When making a major purchase, you want to be sure you're getting the most for your money. That's why we make it our priority to provide the best in products, quality, service and installation — at the best value.

**ARNOLD MOOS COMPANY** also hasn't forgotten the foundation of good business practices. We believe that customer service is what separates a good company from a great company, and in everything we do — whether it's seasonal maintenance, a new system installation, or an emergency repair — our aim is to go above and beyond to serve you and your household.

Your continued trust in us as your home comfort experts is truly appreciated. We'll be there when you need us — and that's a promise you can take to the bank.

Sincerely,

## Air Filtration

There are a variety of types, sizes and brands of air filters to choose from, as well as devices that can be added to an existing comfort system to help enhance the air you breathe.

- 1. Know MERV.** Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) is the rating used to define the effectiveness of air filters on a scale of 1 to 16. You'll see filters rated between 1 and 11 for most home comfort systems. The higher the number, the more effective the air filter.
- 2. Consider CleanEffects™.** By adding Trane's revolutionary whole-house electronic air filtration device to an existing home comfort system, you'll enjoy 99.98% cleaner air.
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### TUNE-UP REMINDER

**Air conditioning season is almost here, and we want you and your family to keep cool!**

Call **ARNOLD MOOS COMPANY** today at

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to schedule your planned service tune-up and stay cool.

### ACT NOW AND SAVE

**Out with the Old and in with a New Trane System.**

**Ask about Current Financing on Qualifying Trane Equipment.**

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## Create A Healthier Home Environment

Spring is often an ideal time to put household projects into action. And whether it's repairing damaged or broken items, or expanding your living space, consider how improvement projects can be geared toward making your home healthier.

Establishing a healthy home means different things to different people. You may be one who likes to incorporate eco-friendly products, or those with young children or a mobility-impaired senior who wants a home that's free from potential hazards.

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Others may view a healthy home as one that alleviates allergies and choose to focus on indoor air quality issues.

**Here are a few ways to improve your home environment:**

**Be aware of furniture materials.** Toxic PBDEs, which are chemicals used as flame retardants on furniture fabrics produced prior to 2006, can send toxins into the air. Some manufacturers may still use these flame retardants in new forms, but with similar risks. Before purchasing furniture, ask if a product is treated, and select naturally fire-resistant materials like wool and cotton.

**Lighten up.** Lighting can have a dramatic impact on whether a home feels inviting, warm and/or uplifting. Experiment with different types of bulbs and lighting fixtures to turn drab and dreary rooms into brighter places. Proper lighting also improves safety.

**Eliminate tripping hazards.** Consider the color, placement and number of area rugs in your home. And add nightlights in hallways to help make it easier to see obstacles.

**Declutter the home.** A cluttered space can affect emotions and mental state, never mind attracting dust and making a home harder to clean. Adding storage shelves or cabinets can help keep items organized.

Whether your project is big or small, sprucing up your home can help you and your family feel rested and recharged — and that's a healthy way to enjoy your home. ●



Left unchecked, an A/C system can lose 5% of its operating efficiency due to dust and dirt buildup. Schedule a tune-up today!



Closing vents in unused rooms forces your HVAC equipment to work harder than it has to, which risks damaging the equipment and increasing energy bills.

## insideyourhome

### Supply And Return Vents 101

A home with central heating and cooling has a network of ducts that provide a pathway for air to cycle to and from your HVAC system. When an air handler is on, it's simultaneously blowing air into rooms and sucking air out of them.

Supply vents are the covers for the openings in the wall through which conditioned air is blown out. This air travels from the system, through ductwork and out of the supply vents.

Return vents are also covers for the openings in the walls, except they're connected to the return ducts. When an air handler is running, it sucks air from rooms into those return vents and back to your system. Return vents are typically larger than supply vents, and you won't feel air being blown out of them.

Make sure furniture isn't blocking supply and return vents. By keeping them clear, you'll make it much easier for air to flow efficiently. ●

## tidbit

Change the batteries in your CO alarm and smoke detector at least once a year. Make a habit of replacing batteries each spring or fall.

## safetyfacts

### Kitchen Safety Tips

Cooking for your family can create many happy memories, but don't forget that the kitchen can be a dangerous place. Here are a few ways to keep it safe:

**Keep kids and pets out.** Not only can they be a distraction, but they can easily hurt themselves by getting into raw food, pulling hot pots off the stove, or tripping you.

**Wear shoes and safe clothing.** Feet need to be protected in case something drops. Sleeves shouldn't be loose and flowy as they could easily get caught on a pot handle or catch fire.



Never leave a child unattended in the kitchen. Accidents can happen in a flash!

**Always use hot pads.** Keep a good selection of hot pads and oven mitts on hand. And don't forget that even microwave-safe dishes can get quite hot.

**Clean up spills promptly.** Water, food or grease on the floor could cause someone to fall.

**Learn how to use knives.** Keep knives sharp, since a dull knife can slip and cut you. Hold food with your non-dominant hand, fingers curled under. Go slowly and always pay attention to what you're doing.

**Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher on hand.** Know where they're stored in case of an injury or small fire. ●



## Q&A

**Question:** When does a toilet need to be replaced?

**Answer:** Short of a toilet flat-out failing to work, here are some factors to help determine if it's time for a new toilet installation:

- **The porcelain is cracked:** Once a small crack forms, replacement is imminent. The crack will continue to grow until you discover a leak, or even worse, the toilet breaks when you sit down on it.
- **The bowl seems dirty all the time:** As a toilet ages and receives regular cleaning, its bowl surface can become rougher. This can make it much harder to clean no matter how you try to scrub it, so you may want to consider getting a new toilet.
- **It needs constant repairs:** Toilets have components that wear out over time. However, there comes a point where either repairs aren't possible, or they're needed frequently. It might be less expensive to get a new toilet and save money in the long run.
- **You want to conserve water:** Many toilets, especially older models, use a lot of water with every flush. It may be worth the time, effort and cost of installing a new toilet that uses less water. ●

