



News & Helpful Hints for the Informed Homeowner

Fall 2012

School is in session and the days are getting shorter. It's safe to say that we're in our autumnal season here in Lancaster.

As the weather cools and we start looking toward Halloween and Thanksgiving, it's important to remember to winterize your air conditioning unit. Read on for tips on preparing your outdoor AC unit for the cold months ahead.

It's also a good time to get your heating system tuned up for the winter. Look below for a special offer for your annual cleaning.

Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to continuing to serve your heating and cooling needs.

Ken and Shane Weaver

In this issue:

Winterizing Your AC Unit Getting Ready for Winter

Thanksgiving office hours

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd in observance of Thanksgiving.

We will re-open Friday, November 23rd at 7am.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Protect against this odorless, colorless gas with carbon monoxide detectors in your home. We offer both plug-in models with battery back-up and fully battery-operated models from First Alert. Visit their website here to see the models available.

Check out the all-new WeaverEnergy.com

We've been working hard to create a new website and it's finally here! Visit it at www.weaverenergy.com.

Touch-A-Truck Event

Join us October 13th from 9am-1pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lititz to explore trucks and vehicles of all shapes and sizes to learn more about these machines. We'll have one of our delivery trucks there for children to experience first hand. There will also be coloring pages and children's activities! Please plan to bring along a nonperishable food item for donation to the Warwick Community Chest. We hope to see you there!



follow us on
twitter



Winterizing Your AC Unit

Spending some time preparing your AC unit for winter can mean saving some money in the summer. When the cooling season has ended and you're ready to bid good-bye to AC for the season, spend some time cleaning out the outdoor unit. The easiest way to do this is to hose down the unit. Turn your nozzle to the highest pressure and clean the fan blades and condensing coils of debris and dirt.

Left unprotected the condensing unit can be damaged by wet leaves and debris that contribute to rusting and freezing of internal components. Although these units are designed for outdoor use, covering them with a breathable waterproof cover made for that purpose goes a long way to extending the life and efficient performance of the unit. Weaver Energy distributes these covers that are custom-made for each unit in various colors. If you're interested in one of these covers, call our office at 626-7169 for more information!

If you use window AC units, remove them from your windows and store for the winter. If you are unable to remove them, close the vents and invest in a cover for these as well.

Getting Ready for Winter

The truly cold weather will be here before we know it. Prepare your home in the fall for the upcoming heating season. Here are some tips we compiled to help you get ready:

- Get your annual tune-up! It's important to make sure the system is running properly before the heating season begins.
- Change your air filters. It's quick, it's easy and it can increase the efficiency of your equipment.
- Check your chimney! Make sure it's free of debris, that the flue damper is working correctly and inspect the brick the make sure there are no damages in the mortar.
- Disconnect and store your outdoor hoses and turn the water off that runs to your outdoor faucets. If you have any exposed piping, be sure to insulate it.
- Check your windows for air leaks. You can always wrap them in plastic, but also consider caulking them for a more permanent fix.
- Make sure your gutters and downspouts are clear. Wet leaves can freeze over winter, adding significant weight and increasing the chance of damage.