

HOME
CARE

with a flair

BREATHE EASY THIS WINTER!

Take a clean break from indoor air pollution

A winterized home seals out the wind and cold, however it may also be sealing in common pollutants. With regular, simple maintenance and procedures, you can keep your indoor air fresh as the outdoors – actually, fresher! Here are a few tips on giving your home a clean bill of health. They can also save money on house cleaning, your appliances' longevity, and best of all, doctor bills.

Make sure your chimney is clean and the fireplace flue is wide open when in use. Also, have inspections for proper venting and air intake to prevent backdrafting with carbon monoxide and particle pollutants. Have the chimney inspected yearly.

Install, maintain and use exhaust fans in the kitchen and with the dryer. Gas appliances in particular emit carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and formaldehyde.

Use exhaust fans in the bathroom. It helps prevent mold and mildew.

Don't smoke indoors. Go outdoors to clear the home of the smell and yellow dinge left by tobacco smoke. It'll make your home more pleasant.

Test for radon. This naturally occurring gas can cause cancer, but it's relatively easy to vent and prevent.

Have central air conditioning and ducts inspected yearly. Without maintenance mold and other biological contaminants can collect.

Change heater filters monthly. Your heater will also last longer.

Have plumbing inspected by a professional. Water often means mold and it can happen in many obscure locations.

Regularly clean the humidifier. Don't let bacteria start growing.

Use a dehumidifier in the basement. Also, clean and disinfect the basement floor drain regularly.

Immediately clean or dispose of water damaged materials. Scrub any mold off hard surfaces with detergent and water, then dry it completely.

Ventilate the attic and crawl spaces. You'll help prevent moisture buildup and mold.

Pressed wood products should be "exterior-grade." They may release formaldehyde. However the gas weakens with age. Keep rooms with new pressed wood products cool and dry.

Change drycleaners if your clothes have a chemical odor. Dry cleaners should recycle perchloroethylene, but may not always do a thorough job.

Don't idle the car in the garage. A major carbon monoxide producer.

Have your home tested for air quality by a heating/cooling specialist. You'll breathe a lot easier.



INDOOR POLLUTANT PRIMER

Bacteria are microorganisms that thrive in wet areas of the home and are often food-borne. Effects range from sore throats to food poisoning. • **Biological contaminants** are life-based contaminants including bacteria, mold, viruses, animal dander, house dust mites and pollen. • **Carbon monoxide** is a colorless, odorless gas that reduces oxygen levels in your body. Symptoms include headaches, dizziness, weakness, confusion and sometimes death. • **Formaldehyde** is a colorless, pungent-smelling chemical that can cause watery eyes, burning sensations in the eyes and throat, and sometimes breathing difficulties. It's common in pressed woods, and unvented gas stoves can produce it. • **Mold and mildew** are fungi. They gradually destroy items they grow on and can cause allergic reactions, headaches, labored breathing, skin irritation and more. • **Nitrogen dioxide** is a colorless, odorless gas that irritates eyes, nose and throat and can cause shortness of breath. • **Perchloroethylene** is a drycleaning chemical that causes cancer in animals. • **Radon** is a naturally occurring radioactive gas in the ground. Radon can cause cancer, however it's inexpensive to detect and there are effective, often inexpensive ways to rid homes of radon. The EPP recommends all homes be tested for radon.

Lascko is your indoor air quality experts

The quality and comfort of your home's indoor air can be improved and made more healthy. Whole house humidifiers stop static shock and dry skin during the long winter. Air purifiers and filtration systems remove allergens, dust and unhealthy organisms.

Call Lascko to learn more about indoor air quality in your home, 231-725-2777.

Schedule A Furnace Tune Up Early – SAVE MORE – See Inside

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Seasonal To-Do-List

Seasonal reminders to keep your home ship-shape

SUMMER



- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detector check
- Monthly furnace filter change
- Deep water shrubs and trees
- Inspect weatherstripping and caulking
- Inspect plumbing fixtures for leaks
- Inspect downspouts and splashblocks for drainage away from home
- Inspect sump pump

FALL



- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detector check
- Monthly furnace filter change
- Drain outside faucets and remove hose
- Inspect weatherstripping and caulking
- Inspect plumbing fixtures for leaks
- Rake and compost leaves
- Test GFCI receptacles

WINTER



- Check for ice dams on roof
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detector check
- Monthly furnace filter change
- Flush water heater tank
- Check shower and bath caulking
- Pre-holiday electrical safety check
- Clean faucet and showerhead aerators
- Test air quality of sealed home

SPRING



- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detector check
- Monthly furnace filter change
- Seed and feed lawn
- Have A/C inspection and clean fins
- Inspect roof and roof vents
- Lubricate garage door rollers and guides
- Re-seal wood fences

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Thank you for choosing Lascko for your home!



Don't Forget To Tune-Up The FUR-FUR-FURNACE

The dog days of summer are fading, and while you're warm and toasty now, **you'll soon be chilled to the bone** – especially if your furnace goes belly-up mid-winter.

Call us now for a complete home heating inspection and tune-up.

An inspection ensures your equipment is operating safely and not leaking dangerous carbon monoxide into your home. Preventive maintenance also saves money by maximizing efficiency and minimizing costly breakdowns.

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